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Official meetings

Security Council

10:00 — 7654th meeting [webcast] — Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation concerning the Democratic Republic of the Congo

   Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (S/2016/233)

Morning (following the 7654th meeting) — Consultations of the whole (closed) — Consultations Room

United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (MONUSCO) (S/2016/233)

Other matters

15:00 — Consultations of the whole (closed) — Consultations Room

Middle East (Syria) (S/2016/196)

Other matters

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General Assembly

Seventieth session

Fifth Committee

First part of the resumed session

10:00 to 11:30 — Informal consultations (closed) — Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 134 (Programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017: Construction and property management:

Strategic capital review (A/70/697* and A/70/7/Add.43)

Capital/refurbishment/construction projects across the United Nations system organizations (A/70/368 and A/70/368/Add.1))

11:30 to 13:00 — Informal consultations (closed) — Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 134 (Programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017: Construction and property management: Progress on the implementation of a flexible workplace at United Nations Headquarters (A/70/708 and A/70/7/Add.45))

15:00 to 15:45 — Informal consultations (closed) — Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 139 (Human resources management: Amendments to the Staff Regulations and Rules (A/70/746 and A/70/789))

15:45 to 16:45 — Informal consultations (closed) — Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 134 (Programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017: special political missions:

Thematic cluster I: special and personal envoys and special advisers of the Secretary-General: Office of the Special Adviser to the Secretary-General (A/70/348/Add.8*, A/70/348/Add.8/Corr.1 and A/70/7/Add.47)

Thematic cluster II: sanctions monitoring teams, groups and panels: Analytical Support and Sanctions Monitoring Team pursuant to resolutions 1526 (2004) and 2253 (2015) concerning ISIL (Da'esh), Al-Qaida and the Taliban and associated individuals and entities; Implementation of Security Council resolution 2231 (2015) (A/70/348/Add.9 and A/70/7/Add.44)

Review of arrangements for funding and backstopping special political missions (A/66/340 and A/66/7/Add.21))

16:45 to 18:00 — Informal consultations (closed) — Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 134 (Programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017: Proposed United Nations Secretariat contribution to the United Nations Development Group cost-sharing arrangement for the resident coordinator system (A/70/703 and A/70/7/Add.48))

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10:00 to 13:00 Closed meeting — Conference Room 10

1. United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus
2. Executive meeting

Security Council

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004): Working Group on Monitoring and National Implementation (WG1)

10:00 to 13:00 Informal consultations (closed) — Conference Room 7

Economic and Social Council

2016 session

Informal informal consultations

15:00 to 18:00 — Trusteeship Council Chamber

Informal informal consultations, on behalf of the Presidency of the Economic and Social Council (Republic of Korea), will be convened by the co-facilitators (Benin and Croatia) for the preparation of the draft outcome of the forum on financing for development follow-up. For more information, please *click here*.

Commission on the Status of Women

Sixtieth session

10:00 13th meeting (closed) — Conference Room 4

Communications concerning the Status of Women (E/CN.6/2016/R.2 (restricted document of the Committee)) [item 4]

Consideration of the report of the Working Group on Communications on the Status of Women

Morning (following the 13th closed meeting) to 13:00 13th meeting [webcast] — Conference Room 4

1. Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and to the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" [item 3]

   (c) Gender mainstreaming, situations and programmatic matters

   Introduction of draft resolution E/CN.6/2016/L.3

2. Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and to the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" [item 3]

Continuation and conclusion of the general discussion

[Additional information on the work of the Commission can be found on the Commission website (*click here*). The list of side events on the occasion of the sixtieth session of the Commission can be consulted by *clicking here*.]

Informal consultations

10:00 to 13:00	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 1
15:00 to 18:00	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 1

On the draft agreed conclusions on the priority theme of the Commission, convened by the facilitator (Germany)

Informal meetings on draft proposals convened by permanent missions

The agenda of the seventieth session of the General Assembly is contained in documents A/70/251 and A/70/252. The meetings under this header are closed.

General Assembly

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Improving global road safety" (under agenda item 13) (convened by the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation)

10:00 to 13:00	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 9

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Report of the International Criminal Court" (under agenda item 78) (convened by the Permanent Mission of the Netherlands)

10:00 to 13:00	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 12

Other meetings

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Group of 77 (on Second Committee and related matters)

13:15 to 14:30	Closed meeting	Conference Room 11
16:30 to 18:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room E

Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS): Working Group

10:00 to 13:00	Closed meeting	Permanent Mission of Maldives (801 Second Avenue, 2nd Floor)

Press conferences

The schedule is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at www.un.org/sg/spokesperson/confschedule.asp.

Press Briefing Room (S-0237) [webcast]

11:15	Press conference on the occasion of the World Meteorological Day, on the theme "Hotter, Drier, Wetter. Face the Future" [*Speakers:* Mr. Selwin Hart, Director of the Secretary-General's Climate Change Support Team; Mr. Paul Egerton, World Meteorological Organization (WMO) Representative to the United Nations; and Mr. Filipe Lucio, Director, Global Framework for Climate Services, WMO] [*Moderator:* Mr. Daniel Shepard, Department of Public Information (DPI)]
12:00	Press briefing by the Spokesperson [*Guest:* Mr. Nickolay Mladenov, United Nations Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process]

Forthcoming official meetings

General Assembly

Seventieth session

Monday, 28 March to Thursday, 31 March 2016 — Trusteeship Council Chamber

In accordance with operative paragraph 10 of General Assembly resolution 70/216, the General Assembly will hold a preparatory meeting of experts for the Comprehensive High-level Midterm Review of the Implementation of the Istanbul Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2011-2020. Letters from the President of the General Assembly, dated 16 March 2016 and 18 March 2016, were sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers. For more information, please *click here*.

Tuesday, 29 March 2016

10:00 — Conference Room 11

The General Assembly will hold an informal meeting on the follow-up and review at the global level of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Letters from the President of the General Assembly, dated 3 March 2016 and 17 March 2016, were sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.

15:00 — General Assembly Hall

The General Assembly will hold a plenary meeting to consider agenda item 118 (Follow-up to the commemoration of the two-hundredth anniversary of the abolition of the transatlantic slave trade: commemorative meeting on the occasion of the International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade).

Thursday, 21 April 2016

The General Assembly will hold a High-Level Thematic Debate on Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals. Letters from the President of the General Assembly, dated 4 December 2015 and 18 January 2016, were sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers. For more information on the event, please *click here*. Delegations wishing to speak in the plenary segment are kindly requested to inscribe with the list of speakers, General Assembly Affairs Branch (Ms. Antonina Poliakova (e-mail poliakova@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063), copy to Ms. Mary Muturi (e-mail muturi@un.org)). Statements in the plenary segment should not exceed *three minutes*.

Thirtieth special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem

Tuesday, 19, Wednesday, 20 and Thursday, 21 April 2016

Pursuant to resolutions 67/193 of 20 December 2012, 69/200 of 18 December 2014 and 70/181 of 17 December 2015, the General Assembly will hold the thirtieth special session on the world drug problem. The thirtieth special session shall consist of a

general debate and five interactive, multi-stakeholder round tables. Delegations wishing to speak in the plenary meetings, should contact the General Assembly Affairs Branch (e-mail poliakova@un.org, copy to muturi@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063; Room S-3082). To enable maximum participation within the limited time available, statements in the plenary meetings should not exceed *three minutes* when speaking in national capacity and *five minutes* when speaking on behalf of a group. In order to promote interactive and substantive discussions; participation in the round tables will be conducted without a list of speakers. However, Member States, Observer States and Observers are encouraged to inform the General Assembly Affairs Branch (e-mail poliakova@un.org, copy to muturi@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063; Room S-3082) in which of the round tables they wish to intervene.

Delegations are reminded that credentials should be issued for all representatives to the thirtieth special session of the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly. Credentials should be sent to the secretariat of the Credentials Committee (Room S-3633; tel. 1 (917) 367-5133).

For more information, please *click here*.

Fifth Committee
First part of the resumed session

Thursday, 24 March 2016

10:00 to 13:00	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
15:00 to 18:00	32nd meeting	Conference Room 3

Preparatory Committee established by General Assembly resolution 69/292: Development of an international legally binding instrument under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction
First session
(28 March-8 April 2016)

Monday, 28 March 2016

10:00 Conference Room 1

The provisional agenda and the provisional programme of work of the meeting are contained in documents A/AC.287/2016/PC.1/L.1 and A/AC.287/2016/PC.1/L.2. The above documents, as well as other relevant information on the Preparatory Committee, are available on the website of the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs (OLA) (*click here*).

Delegations that have not done so are kindly reminded to submit the names of their representatives participating in the Preparatory Committee to the Division by *Thursday, 24 March 2016* (e-mail doalos@un.org; Room DC2-450; fax 1 (917) 367-0560).

Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list of speakers are invited to contact Ms. Charlotte Salpin, OLA (e-mail salpin@un.org).

The list of side events scheduled to be held during the meeting can be consulted by *clicking here*.

Open-ended Working Group on the Fourth Special Session of the General Assembly Devoted to Disarmament
First substantive session

Monday, 28 March to Friday, 1 April 2016 Conference Room 4

Disarmament Commission
2016 substantive session
(4-22 April 2016)

Monday, 4 April 2016

10:00 Opening meeting Conference Room 3

Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list of speakers are invited to contact the secretariat (Ms. Lidija Komatina (e-mail komatina@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-2378)). The secretariat would also appreciate it if delegations would communicate to the Disarmament and Peace Affairs Branch, via note verbale (e-mail leu@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5305), *as soon as possible*, the names of the representative(s) who will participate in the work of the Disarmament Commission.

Committee on Contributions
Seventy-sixth session
(6-24 June 2016)

The attention of any Member States intending to request an exemption under Article 19 of the Charter of the United Nations is drawn to the provisions of General Assembly resolution 54/237 C, in which the Assembly, *inter alia*, urges such Member States to provide the fullest possible supporting information. The Assembly also decided that requests for exemption under Article 19 must be submitted by Member States *at least two weeks* before the session of the Committee on Contributions, so as to ensure a full review of the requests. Accordingly, any such requests should be received by the President of the General Assembly *no later than Friday, 20 May 2016*. For further information, kindly contact the Secretary of the Committee (tel. 1 (212) 963-5306; Room FF-700 (304 East 45th Street); fax 1 (212) 963-1943); or by e-mail to contributions@un.org.

The Committee on Contributions will also be considering multi-year payment plans submitted pursuant to General Assembly resolution 57/4 B, as reaffirmed in resolution 70/245. Any Member States intending to submit such a plan are also invited to contact the Secretary of the Committee for further information.

Security Council

Monday, 28 March 2016

10:00 Security Council Chamber

Open debate on "The role of women in conflict prevention and resolution in Africa" in connection with the agenda item "Women and peace and security". Member States wishing to inscribe their names on the list of speakers should send a letter addressed to the President of the Security Council requesting to participate in accordance with Rule 37 of

the Council's Provisional Rules of Procedure (e-mail dpa-scsb3@un.org; or fax 1 (917) 367-0406). Please note that only scanned copies of signed letters will be accepted by e-mail. Delegations are kindly requested to limit their statements to *no more than four minutes*. Delegations are reminded that the list of speakers will not be available by telephone or email, but only in hard copy in the Chamber, shortly before the beginning of the meeting. Communications addressed to the President of the Security Council should be delivered to the Office of the President of the Security Council (e-mail dpa-scsb3@un.org; Room S-2472; fax 1 (917) 367-0406). For queries, please call at 1 (212) 963-5258. The website of the Presidency of the Security Council can be visited by *clicking here*.

Economic and Social Council

2016 session

Informal informal consultations

Thursday, 24 March 2016

10:00 Economic and Social Council Chamber

Informal informal consultations on behalf of the Presidency of the Economic and Social Council (Republic of Korea), convened by the facilitator (Switzerland), on the scope and methodology of the Global Sustainable Development Report. For information on the Global Sustainable Development Report, please *click here*.

Special meeting on inequality

Wednesday, 30 March 2016

10:00 to 13:00 Economic and Social Council Chamber

15:00 to 18:00 Economic and Social Council Chamber

In the context of Goal-10 of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the Economic and Social Council will hold a special meeting on inequality chaired by the President of the Council (Republic of Korea). The special meeting will comprise of interactive panel discussions. There will be no pre-determined list of speakers and participants are requested to refrain from reading prepared statements. In order to provide for maximum participation, interventions will be limited to *three minutes*.

All are invited to attend. Members of the Council are requested to communicate the composition of their delegation to the Secretariat as early as possible. Due to limited seating, Member States that are not members of the Council, as well as the United Nations system and other organizations, are requested to inform the Acting Secretary of the Council of their prospective participation in the special meeting (c/o e-mail olvida@un.org *no later than* noon on Monday, 28 March 2016, in order to be provided a seat in the plenary room. All others will be seated on a first-come, first-serve basis. For more details on the special meeting on inequality, please contact Mr. Philipp Erfurth, Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (e-mail erfurth@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-4938). Additional information is also available on the website of the Council (*click here*).

Partnership Forum

Thursday, 31 March 2016

10:00 to 13:00 Economic and Social Council Chamber

15:00 to 18:00 Economic and Social Council Chamber

The Economic and Social Council will hold a Partnership Forum on the theme "From commitments to results: Leveraging partnerships for the 2030 Agenda". The Forum will be chaired by the President of the Council (Republic of Korea).

All are invited to attend. Members of the Council are requested to communicate the composition of their delegation to the Secretariat as early as possible. Due to limited seating, Member States that are not members of the Council, as well as the United Nations system and other organizations, are requested to inform the Acting Secretary of the Council of their participation in the Forum (c/o e-mail olvida@un.org) *no later than* noon on Tuesday, 29 March 2016, in order to be provided a seat in the Chamber. All others will be seated on a first-come, first-serve basis.

For more details on the Partnership Forum, please contact Mr. Ajit Yogasundram, Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (e-mail yogasundram@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5737). Additional information is also available on the website of the Council (*click here*).

Coordination and management meeting

Monday, 4, to Wednesday, 6 April 2016 Economic and Social Council Chamber

The coordination and management meeting will be chaired by the Vice-President of the Council (Zimbabwe). The provisional programme for the meeting is available on the website of the Council (*click here*). For further information, please contact Mr. Marc-Andre Dorel, Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (e-mail dorel@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-7204).

The *general discussion* of agenda item 18 (i) (Economic and environmental questions: cartography) will be held in the afternoon of Monday, 4 April. Requests for inscription on *the list of speakers* should be sent, *in writing*, with the full name and title of the speaker, to the Acting Secretary of the Council (c/o Ms. Theresa Olvida (e-mail olvida@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)). Inscription to the list of speakers will close *by 17:00, on Friday, 1 April 2016*. The time limit set for statements is *seven minutes* for speakers on behalf of groups and *five minutes* for statements by individual delegations.

The *elections, nominations, confirmations and appointments* (item 4) to fill vacancies in the membership of the subsidiary bodies of the Council will be held on Tuesday, 5 April. The list of subsidiary bodies for which the Council will take action on is contained in document E/2016/1/Add.1. Additional supporting documentation is available on Candiweb by *clicking here*. For further information, please contact Ms. Sangeeta Sharma (e-mail sharma7@un.org), with a copy to Ms. Mary Constable (e-mail constablem@un.org).

For inclusion in the *list of participants* delegations are kindly requested to send the names of their representatives and alternates attending the meeting to the Acting Secretary of the Council (c/o Ms. Theresa Olvida (e-mail olvida@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by

e-mail. Delegations are further advised that *only one list of participants will be issued at the end of the 2016 session of the Council.*

PaperSmart arrangements will be available for the duration of the 2016 session of the Council. Delegations wishing to circulate their statements electronically through the PaperSmart portal of the Council should send a copy of the statement at least *one hour* in advance of delivery to papersmart2@un.org. The date of the meeting and the agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail. The statements will be made available in the PaperSmart portal after their delivery by delegations. To access the PaperSmart portal of the Council, please *click here.*

Forum on financing for development follow-up

Monday, 18 April to Wednesday, 20 April 2016 Trusteeship Council Chamber

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 70/192 and Economic and Social Council decision 2016/210, the inaugural meeting of the forum will be convened by the President of the Council (Republic of Korea). Pursuant to Council decision 2016/211, the theme of the meeting will be "Financing for sustainable development: follow-up to the Addis Ababa Action Agenda".

The forum will include the special high-level meeting of the Council with the Bretton Woods institutions, the World Trade Organization and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development. The forum will have universal, intergovernmental participation, utilizing the modalities of participation of the international conferences on financing for development.

Additional information is available on the website of the Financing for Development Office (*click here*). For further details, contact Ms. Dominika Halka, FFDO/Department of Economic and Social Affairs (e-mail halka@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-6653).

For *inclusion in the list of participants*, delegations are kindly requested to send the names of their representatives and alternates attending the forum to the Acting Secretary of the Council, Mr. Moncef Khane (c/o Ms. Theresa Olvida (e-mail olvida@un.org; Room S-1281; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail.

PaperSmart arrangements will be offered as an additional service to the meetings of the forum. Delegations wishing to circulate their statements electronically through the PaperSmart Portal of the Council should send a copy of the statement at least one hour in advance of delivery to papersmart2@un.org. The date and topic of the meeting should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail. The statements will be made available in the PaperSmart portal after its delivery by delegations. To access the PaperSmart portal of the Council, please *click here.*

Committee for the United Nations Population Award

Wednesday, 30 March 2016

10:00 to 11:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 9

Organizational meeting

11:00 to 13:00 1st meeting Conference Room 9

Kindly confirm your participation by replying to Ms. Lourdeth Ferguson (e-mail ferguson@unfpa.org). All member delegations are invited to attend.

Commission on Population and Development
Forty-ninth session
(11-15 April 2016)

Monday, 11 April 2016

10:00 Conference Room 4

The provisional agenda of the session and the proposed organization of work are contained in documents E/CN.9/2016/1 and E/CN.9/2016/L.1, respectively. To consult background information and official documents for the session, please *click here*.

For *participation and seating arrangements*, members of the Commission wishing to attend the session are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretary of the Commission, Ms. Sonia Elliott (e-mail elliotts@un.org; Room S-3064; fax 1 (212) 963-5305).

Member States that are not members of the Commission, non-member States, observers, United Nations agencies, funds and programmes and Regional Commissions are also requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the secretariat in advance of the session. Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail.

Kindly note that only those observers who have confirmed their participation, will be provided a nameplate on the floor of Conference Room 4 on the opening day. All others will be seated on a first-come, first-served basis.

The *lists of speakers* for all agenda items are open. Requests for inscription in the list of speakers should be sent *in writing*, with the full name and title of the speaker, to the secretariat of the Commission (Mr. Martin Vrastiak (e-mail vrastiak@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5305)).

In accordance with the programme of work, the general discussion under agenda item 4 (General debate on national experience in population matters: strengthening the demographic evidence base for the post-2015 development agenda), will be held from Monday, 11 April 2016 (for more details, please consult the organization of work in document E/CN.9/2016/L.1).

Delegations are advised that statements made by individual States should not exceed *five minutes*; statements made on behalf of a group of States should not exceed *ten minutes*; and statements made by observers should not exceed *four minutes*.

For information on the *participation of non-governmental organizations* in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council in the work of the Commission, please *click here*.

Information on *side events*, or activities organized outside the formal programme of the session of the Commission can be accessed by *clicking here*.

For the *election of the Bureau of the fiftieth session*, the Commission will hold the first meeting of its fiftieth session for the sole purpose of electing a new Chair and other members of the Bureau, immediately following the closure of its forty-ninth session.

United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)
Informal consultation

Monday, 28 March 2016

15:00 to 18:00 Conference Room 5

Informal consultation on the Midterm Review of the Strategic Plan and Integrated Budget with the Executive Board Members. All interested members of delegations are invited to attend.

Forthcoming informal meetings on draft proposals convened by permanent missions

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General Assembly

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Improving global road safety" (under agenda item 13) (convened by the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation)

Thursday, 24 March 2016

10:00 to 13:00 Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 9

Forthcoming other meetings

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Briefing on "The Implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 7 (SDG 7) - New Strategy for Sustainable Energy for All (SE4ALL) and Report of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on SDG 7" (by the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Sustainable Energy for All) (organized by the Executive Office of the Secretary-General (EOSG))

Thursday, 24 March 2016

13:15 to 14:30 Conference Room 6

All are invited. For further information and to register, please contact Mr. Jonas von Freiesleben, EOSG (e-mail freiesleben@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-1660).

Special event on the occasion of the International Day of Remembrance of Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade (A/RES/62/122 (25 March)) on the theme "Remember Slavery: Celebrating the Heritage and Culture of the African Diaspora and its Roots":

Panel discussion on "The Transatlantic Slave Trade: Constructing New Amistad, Bunce Island, Gullah, Maroon and Nova Scotia Bridges" (organized by the Permanent Mission of Sierra Leone to the United Nations, in collaboration with the Permanent Mission of Jamaica, the Sierra Leone Monuments and Relics Commission and the United Nations Remember Slavery Programme, in collaboration with the Department of Public Information)

Thursday, 24 March 2016

13:15 to 14:30 Economic and Social Council Chamber

All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Iris Max-Macarthy, Permanent Mission of Sierra Leone (e-mail sierraleoneun.pr@gmail.com; or Mr. Franklyn Fawundu (e-mail franklynfawundu@yahoo.com; tel. 1 (212) 688-1656, ext. 14).

Asia-Pacific Group (monthly meeting)

Thursday, 24 March 2016

15:00 to 18:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 2

Special event on "Raising awareness and building resilience to disasters – experience from Japan" (organized by the Permanent Mission of Japan)

Tuesday, 29 March 2016

12:00 to 13:00 Conference Room 5

All are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Maury Guadalupe, Permanent Mission of Japan (e-mail maury.guadalupe@dn.mofa.go.jp; tel. 1 (212) 521-1582).

Panel discussion on "The UNAOC Baku Global Forum Declaration" (organized by the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC))

Tuesday, 29 March 2016

15:00 to 18:00 Conference Room 11

For further information, please contact Ms. Anna Pavlyuchenko, UNAOC (e-mail annap@unops.org; tel. 1 (929) 274-6217).

Event entitled "How financial inclusion strategies support inclusive growth: The role of country-level diagnostics and data" (organized the United Nations Capital Development Fund (UNCDF))

Wednesday, 30 March 2016

13:15 to 14:30 Conference Room 7

All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Darah Aljoudar, UNCDF (e-mail darah.aljoudar@uncdf.org; tel. 1 (212) 906-5381).

High-level event on "Addressing Autism: Strategies for the Global Community in Relation to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)" (on the occasion of the World Autism Awareness Day) (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Bangladesh, India and Qatar, the United States Mission and Autism Speaks)

Friday, 1 April 2016

15:00 to 18:00 Trusteeship Council Chamber

All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Andrée Antoun, Permanent Mission of Qatar (e-mail eventspmun@mofa.gov.qa, tel. 1 (212) 486-9335, ext. 776 or 323).

Briefing on "Migration Data for Humanitarian Response and Development" (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of the Republic of Moldova and Switzerland, and the International Organization for Migration (IOM))

Tuesday, 5 April 2016

10:00 to 13:00 Conference Room 8

All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Kate Gough, IOM (e-mail kgough@iom.int; tel. 1 (212) 681-7000, ext. 263). To register, please send an e-mail to rsvpnewyork@iom.int.

Forthcoming official meetings held away from Headquarters

Economic and Social Council

United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names
Twenty-ninth session
Bangkok, Thailand (25-29 April 2016)

The twenty-ninth session of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names will be held at the United Nations Conference Centre in Bangkok.

The provisional agenda for the session is contained in document GEGN/29/1. For further information on the session, please *click here*.

Members of the Group of Experts, as well as observers, who wish to attend the session and be included in the *list of participants* are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations by means of a note verbale on official letterhead to the Secretary of the Group of Experts, Mr. Kenji Nakano (c/o Mr. Victor Leu (e-mail leu@un.org; Room S-3073; fax 1 (212) 963-5305)). Please note that only scanned copies of note verbales will be accepted by e-mail.

Announcements

High-level signature ceremony for the Paris Agreement
Friday, 22 April 2016

The Secretary-General of the United Nations will convene the high-level signature ceremony for the Paris Agreement.

On this occasion, Parties to the UNFCCC will be provided with an opportunity to deliver national statements in parallel sessions, which will be held concurrently with the signing ceremony. In light of time constraints, the length of these statements should not exceed *three minutes*. Delegations wishing to deliver statements should approach Ms. Antonina Poliakova (e-mail poliakova@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063, copy to Ms. Mary Muturi, e-mail muturi@un.org), at the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management. The list of speakers will be maintained in accordance with customary protocol.

Opening for signature
Friday, 22 April 2016

States and regional economic integration organizations intending to sign the Paris Agreement at the high-level signature ceremony convened by the Secretary-General on 22 April 2016 are requested to send to the Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs, as soon as possible and well in advance of the ceremony, a letter or note verbale confirming their participation in the signature ceremony and indicating the name and title of the representative who will sign the Agreement on their behalf. When needed, this communication should be accompanied by the instrument of full powers authorizing the representative to sign the Agreement.

In this regard, it is recalled that, under established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government and Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign the Agreement on behalf of their State without having to produce full powers. Any other representatives wishing to sign the Agreement must be in possession of appropriate full powers emanating from one of these three authorities.

Contacts: Ms. Dina Hamdy (e-mail hamdyd@un.org); or Ms. Hada Guevara (e-mail guevarah@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5047; fax 1 (212) 963-3693).

United Nations Audiovisual Library of International Law

The Codification Division of the Office of Legal Affairs recently added the following lectures to the Lecture Series of the United Nations Audiovisual Library of International Law (AVL) website: Professor Malgosia Fitzmaurice — "Whaling: the Gordian Knot of International Law" and Professor Antonios Tzanakopoulos — "Domestic Courts in International Law". All interested parties are invited to visit the website, please *click here* to access the lectures.

World Humanitarian Summit
Istanbul, Turkey, 23-24 May 2016

The Secretary-General will convene the first World Humanitarian Summit from Monday, 23 to Tuesday, 24 May 2016, in Istanbul, Turkey. For more information on the Summit, please *click here*. Representatives of Member States and Observers of the General Assembly wishing to inscribe in the list of speakers for the plenary session entitled "Member States and other Stakeholders' Announcement Plenary" can contact the General Assembly Affairs Branch (e-mail poliakova@un.org; tel. (212) 963-5063; Room S-3082; with copy to muturi@un.org). Statements in the Announcement Plenary should not exceed *three minutes*.

2016 United Nations Disarmament Fellowship, Training and Advisory Services Programme

Member States are reminded that the deadline for submission of nominations to the 2016 United Nations Disarmament Fellowship, Training and Advisory Services Programme is *Friday, 15 April 2016* (Note verbale ODA/01-2016/FP dated 4 January 2016). Only one nomination per Member State may be submitted and should be addressed to: The Coordinator, United Nations Disarmament Fellowship, Training and Advisory Services Programme, Office for Disarmament Affairs, Geneva Branch, Palais des Nations, Room C-113-1, 1211 Geneva 10, Switzerland. Nomination form and other attachments can be found by *clicking here*.

International Law Seminar for African Universities — Call for applications
(15-26 August 2016)

The first International Law Seminar for African Universities is scheduled to take place at the Kofi Annan Centre in Accra, Ghana, to promote capacity building in international law education for the benefit of teachers from academic institutions and government training centres throughout the region. The African Institute of International Law will conduct the seminar in cooperation with the host country, Ghana, the Kofi Annan Centre, the African Union and the Codification Division of the United Nations Office of Legal Affairs pursuant to General Assembly resolution 70/116. The deadline for submitting applications is *Friday, 29 April 2016*. Information concerning the seminar and the application process is available on the website of the African Institute of International Law. The seminar is subject to funding by voluntary contributions.

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For more information, please see the website of the African Institute of International Law (*click here)*; or contact the Secretary of the Advisory Committee on the Programme of Assistance, Ms. Virginia Morris (e-mail morrisv@un.org).

Credentials for forthcoming elections of members of human rights treaty bodies

With a view to facilitating the timely submission of credentials for all meetings of States parties convened to elect members of human rights treaty bodies, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights wishes to give all States parties to the international human rights treaties advance notice that the following meetings of States parties will take place in 2016:

Ninth session of the Conference of States parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (14-16 June 2016): election to replace nine members of the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities whose terms expire on 31 December 2016 (*click here* for general information);

Nineteenth meeting of States parties to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (21 June 2016): election to replace twelve members of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women whose terms expire on 31 December 2016 (*click here* for general information);

Thirty-fifth meeting of States parties to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (23 June 2016): election to replace nine members of the Human Rights Committee whose terms expire on 31 December 2016 (*click here* for general information); and

Sixteenth meeting of States parties to the Convention on the Rights of the Child (30 June 2016): election to replace nine members of the Committee on the Rights of the Child whose terms expire on 28 February 2017 (*click here* for general information).

The rules of procedure of each meeting require delegations to submit credentials to the Secretary-General *prior to the meeting*. Many delegations fail to provide such credentials in time and the Secretariat continues to receive obsolete credentials many months after the meetings have concluded. All States parties are kindly requested to put in place the necessary arrangements to ensure that credentials for each of these meetings are submitted *no later than one week before* the meeting in question.

Delegations are reminded that the credentials of representatives and the names of members of the delegation must be issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

Original copies of credentials and names of delegates for the Conference of States parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities should only be submitted to the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) (Attn: Mr. Guozhong Zhang (e-mail zhangg@un.org; Room S-2905)). Original copies of credentials and names of delegates, duly signed by the head of state or government or foreign minister, for all other meetings should be submitted to the New York Office of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (Attn. Ms. Sheilah Trotta (e-mail trotta@un.org; Room DC1-213)).

Details on the procedures for the nomination of candidates for each of these elections will be communicated to States parties via notes verbales from OHCHR Geneva.

Training for delegates and staff of permanent missions

The Dag Hammarskjöld Library will conduct the following training (in English) for delegates and staff of permanent missions, at the Library Building, Room L-133 (First Floor), for the month of *April 2016*:

Introduction to United Nations documents

Security Council Documentation

Finding Speeches

Law Library Overview

General Assembly Documentation

All interested are kindly requested to register by accessing the Library Training Calendar (*click here*).

For more information, please contact the Library (e-mail library-ny@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3000).

Report of the High-level Panel on the Global Response to Health Crises

In order to provide timely access, the report of the Secretary-General's High-level Panel on the Global Response to Health Crises has been made available electronically, in an advance unedited version, and can be accessed by *clicking here*.

The report will be issued as an official document in due course, in conjunction with the Secretary-General's own report, which will be based on the Panel's important findings.

Online reservation system for side events on the occasion of the sixtieth session of the Commission on the Status of Women

The United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women) is pleased to announce that the online reservation system for side events on the occasion of the sixtieth session of the Commission on the Status of Women is open. Permanent missions and United Nations entities may access the system by *clicking here*.

For inquiries and to sign up for an account, please contact UN-Women (e-mail csw.sideevents@unwomen.org).

***Repertoire* of the Practice of the Security Council**

The *Repertoire* is published by the Security Council Affairs Division, in the Department of Political Affairs. It is designed to assist government officials, practitioners of international law, academics and all those interested in the work of the United Nations to follow the evolving practice of the Council and gain a better understanding of the

framework in which it operates. The latest published volume (Sixteenth Supplement) covers the years 2008 to 2009.

For copies, please contact Mr. Louis Giordano, Meetings Support Section (tel. 1 (212) 963-7288). The Seventeenth Supplement (2010-2011), as well as several Parts of the Eighteenth Supplement (2012-2013) are available in their advance versions on line by *clicking here*.

Calendar of conferences and meetings

The 2016 calendar of conferences and meetings is available and posted on the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM) website, or can be consulted by *clicking here*.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

The dates indicated correspond to the dates of receipt of the relevant documents, except for the signatures.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

International Convention for the Suppression of Counterfeiting Currency. Geneva, 20 April 1929 (with Protocol)

Succession: Serbia (18 March 2016)

International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. New York, 16 December 1966

Notification under article 4 (3): Peru (21 March 2016)

General information

Chairs of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *March 2016* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States

United Republic of Tanzania
His Excellency Tuvako Nathaniel Manongi

Asia-Pacific States
Indonesia
His Excellency Muhammad Anshor
Chargé d'affaires

Eastern European States
Azerbaijan
His Excellency Yashar Aliyev

Latin American and Caribbean States
Antigua and Barbuda
His Excellency Walton Alfonso Webson

Western European and other States
Luxembourg
Her Excellency Sylvie Lucas

General Assembly
Seventieth session

For the online schedule of informal and formal meetings of the General Assembly for the resumed part of the seventieth session, please *click here*.

For the *list of speakers*, delegations wishing to speak in the plenary meetings are kindly requested to inscribe with the list of speakers, General Assembly Affairs Branch (Ms. Antonina Poliakova (e-mail poliakova@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063)).

For the submission of a *draft resolution* for the plenary, please call 1 (212) 963-7784 (Room S-3044). Please *click here* for the guidelines for submission of draft resolutions in the General Assembly.

For *PaperSmart Services*, delegations are kindly requested to submit electronic versions of their statements for posting on the PaperSmart portal to papersmart@un.org. The title and the date of the meeting should be indicated in the subject line of the e-mail.

For *announcement for Member States on issuance of communications*, delegations requesting issuance of communications as documents of the General Assembly should ensure that they are addressed to the Secretary-General and signed by the permanent representative or chargé d'affaires of the permanent mission to the United Nations.

The communications should indicate the session of the General Assembly, and the number and title of the agenda item under which circulation is requested, using the agenda of the seventieth session of the General Assembly contained in document A/70/251.

Electronic versions in Microsoft Word should be sent to gaab@un.org or to dpu-dgacm@un.org, to facilitate the processing of communications. If versions in any other United Nations official languages are available, they should be included with a clear indication of the original language and/or which language versions are to be used for reference only.

Materials that are accessible to the public on websites or through the media, such as statements, press releases and images, should be cited rather than included in the communications.

For *future elections of non-permanent members of the Security Council and members of the Economic and Social Council* pursuant to operative paragraph 17 of resolution 68/307 of 10 September 2014, the election for the 2017-2019 term in the Economic and Social Council will take place *in the afternoon* on Tuesday, 14 June 2016. The elections for the 2017-2018 term in the Security Council will take place on Tuesday, 28 June 2016.

The *election of the President* of the General Assembly at its seventy-first session, as well as the *election of the Vice-Presidents and Chairs of the Main Committees* at its seventy-first session will take place on Monday, 13 June 2016.

Candiweb – A website dedicated to elections and candidatures at United Nations Headquarters in New York, to access it, please *click here*.

Seventy-first session

The preliminary list of items to be included in the provisional agenda of the seventy-first regular session of the General Assembly is contained in document A/71/50.

Request for conference rooms and services at United Nations Headquarters

For reservation of conference rooms at United Nations Headquarters, please contact the Meeting Management Section/Central Planning and Coordination Division/Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (MMS/CPCD/DGACM) (e-mail e-meetsm@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-8114; or 1 (212) 963-7351).

After a conference room has been assigned in eMeets, please contact the following offices if other services are also needed:

For access and security-related matters, please contact Lieutenant Malinda McCormack/DSS (e-mail mccormackm@un.org, or levyd@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-7028);

For nameplates, podium signs and room set-up, please contact the Preparatory Work Team/DGACM (e-mail prepwork@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-7348);

For PaperSmart Portal matters, please contact the PaperSmart Team/DGACM (e-mail papersmart@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-7349);

For publishing material for inclusion in the *Journal*, please contact the Journal Unit/DGACM (e-mail journal@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3888; or 1 (212) 963-0493);

For media access and accreditation, please contact the Media Accreditation and Liaison Unit/DPI (e-mail malu@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-6934);

For broadcast TV coverage, please contact Mr. David Woodie/DPI (e-mail woodie@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-9399);

For webcasting and UN Web TV, please contact Mr. Andreas Damianou/DPI (e-mail damianou@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-6733);

For special events services, please contact the Special Events Unit/DM (e-mail specialevents@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 367-4245);

For audiovisual services, please contact BCSS/DM (request-for-services@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-9485);

For loaning of technological equipment (PC, printer, etc.), please contact OICT/DM (e-mail itservices@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3333).

For detailed information on the policies and procedures regarding the use of conference rooms, facilities and services at the United Nations Headquarters, please refer to document ST/AI/416.

Request for the use of the General Assembly Hall

The reservation of the General Assembly Hall is now managed by the Meeting Management Section, Central Planning and Coordination Division, Department for General Assembly and Conference Management. Requests for the use of the General Assembly Hall should be addressed to Mr. Xuesong Ma, Director, Central Planning and Coordination Division (e-mail max@un.org; Room S-1232).

Documentation Services for Delegates provided by the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM)

Useful *links* to United Nations documentation resources can be found at www.un.org/documents. The Official Document System (ODS) features an enhanced search page (documents.un.org) which, using keywords, facilitates considerably the search and retrieval of documents.

eSubscription for a simple and fast alternate way to access United Nations parliamentary documents electronically through the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management's eSubscription service, please *click here*.

Based on RSS feeds (Really Simple Syndication), the latest edition of the *Journal* and parliamentary documents issued daily at Headquarters can be accessed readily on a computer or hand-held smart device. Sign-up is free and easy by visiting the eSubscription page at www.undocs.org.

An overview of all documents with the options "e-mail" or "RSS" next to each document category is located there. After sign-up, documents will be sent to the subscriber via e-mail as soon as they are made available. Comments, questions and suggestions are invited to be sent to help-desk@un.org.

The *DGACM Documents Assistance Centre (DAC)* located in the North Delegates Lounge in Room CB-0264 is a central point of support for delegates seeking documentation assistance. In addition, the Delegates' Documents Counter is located adjacent to the Accessibility Centre in Room S-01B32. To contact the DAC, please call 1 (212) 963-2105; and/or e-mail dac@un.org.

Conference Officer Desks and/or Documents Counters are located in each of the following conference rooms in the Secretariat Building: Conference Rooms 1, 2, 3 and 4, the General Assembly Hall, the Economic and Social Council Chamber and the

Trusteeship Council Chamber, where documents for the meeting being held at that time may be obtained.

Security Council

Communications to the President of the Security Council

Communications addressed to the President of the Security Council should be delivered to the Office of the President of the Council (e-mailed dpa-scsb3@un.org; Room S-2472; fax 1 (917) 367-0406). For queries, please call 1 (212) 963-5258.

The *website of the Presidency* of the Security Council can be visited at www.un.org/en/sc/presidency/.

Information about previously *unscheduled meetings* and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by clicking on "Programme of work" on the website of the Security Council at www.un.org/en/sc; or by calling 1 (212) 963-5258.

Speakers in the Security Council are advised that providing in advance copies of *prepared statements* which they intend to read out in the Council greatly facilitates the work of the Secretariat by permitting a sufficient number of copies to be distributed to all meeting participants and by assisting interpreters, verbatim reporters and press officers in maintaining the quality of the product delivered.

Both interpretations and verbatim records rely upon the statement actually delivered, but copies of texts help interpreters to correctly render details and nuances and help verbatim reporters to produce the written record more quickly. Speakers are therefore encouraged, whenever possible, to provide copies of their statements, as early as possible in advance of delivery, to the Conference Room Officer in the Chamber.

Delegations are kindly requested to make 40 copies for minimum distribution to Council members and relevant services, and 200 additional copies for general distribution in the Security Council Chamber.

Delegations wishing to make statements available for the media are kindly requested to deliver 50 copies to the Media Documents Centre (e-mail mdc@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-7166; Room S-0220).

Information regarding the *Journal of the United Nations*

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Back issues of the *Journal*, in English and French, can be accessed at the following addresses: www.un.org/en/documents/journal.asp and www.un.org/fr/documents/journal.asp. All comments and suggestions about the *Journal* are welcome. Kindly contact the office of the *Journal* at journal@un.org.

Emergency information and updates

Emergency information and updates can be obtained on the United Nations Headquarters Emergency Information website at emergency.un.org/ and delegateinfo.un.int. The website also offers the option of subscription to e-mail, SMS and voice call alerts. In addition, a hotline number for updates during weather emergencies or other urgent situations can be accessed by calling 1 (212) 963-9800.

Touch screen information kiosks

The Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM) invites delegations and staff to use the two touch screen information kiosks located in the General Assembly building to access the official meeting schedule, the *Journal* of the United Nations, the Delegates' Handbook, the Blue Book and the United Nations Staff Yellow Pages, as well as Headquarters and Conference Room Maps.

These easy to use kiosks are located in the Delegates Lounge in the General Assembly Hall on the 2nd Floor and in the Vienna Café area in the Secretariat Building.

DGACM welcomes feedback, questions or comments pertaining to the information kiosks, which can be addressed to help-desk@un.org.

Documents issued at United Nations Headquarters on Tuesday, 22 March 2016

With the exception of sales publications and public information material, hyperlinked official documents listed hereunder may be accessed through the Official Document System of the United Nations http://documents.un.org in the electronic version of the present Journal.

Symbol	*Main title*
General Assembly	**Seventieth session**
A/70/634/Add.1	Item 146 — Financing of the International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals — Report of the Fifth Committee [A C E F R S] — *2 pages*
	Seventy-first session
A/71/73	Item 134 of the preliminary list — Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations — Multi-year payment plans — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S] — *5 pages*

Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples

A/AC.109/2016/L.13 Special Committee decision of 22 June 2015 concerning Puerto Rico — Report prepared by the Rapporteur of the Special Committee, Bashar Ja'afari (Syrian Arab Republic) [A C E F R S] — *17 pages*

Security Council

S/PV.7649 Meeting held on 17 March 2016 [A C E F R S] — *10 pages*

S/2016/245 Letter dated 14 March 2016 from the Permanent Representative of the United Arab Emirates to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S] — *2 pages*

S/2016/251 Letter dated 16 March 2016 from the Permanent Representative of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S] — *2 pages*

S/2016/253 Identical letters dated 16 March 2016 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the Syrian Arab Republic to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S] — *1 page*

S/2016/263 Letter dated 18 March 2016 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S] — *1 page*

S/Agenda/7653 Provisional agenda [A C E F R S] — *1 page*

Communications to the Editor

Material for inclusion in the *Journal* should be addressed to the attention of Ms. Lilian Delgado (e-mail journal@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3888 and 963-0493; Room S-1238). The *deadline* to submit material for the *Journal* issue of the next day is *18:30 for the programme of meetings*, and *19:00 for the summaries*. The announcements to be published in the "Forthcoming other meetings" section, should be sent before *18:00* at least *two days in advance*.

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Programme of meetings and agenda

Thursday, 24 March 2016

Security Council

10:00	7655th meeting [webcast]	Security Council Chamber
	1. Adoption of the agenda	
	2. The situation in Somalia	
	Report of the Secretary-General on Somalia (S/2016/27)	
Morning (following the 7655th meeting)	7656th meeting [webcast]	Security Council Chamber
	1. Adoption of the agenda	
	2. Non-proliferation/Democratic People's Republic of Korea	
	Note by the President (S/2016/157)	
Morning (following the 7656th meeting)	7657th meeting [webcast]	Security Council Chamber
	1. Adoption of the agenda	
	2. The situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian question	
Morning (following the 7657th meeting)	Consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultations Room
	Middle East	
	Other matters	

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General Assembly

Seventieth session

Fifth Committee

First part of the resumed session

10:00 to 13:00 — Informal consultations (closed) — Conference Room 5

All outstanding issues

15:00 to 18:00 — 32nd meeting [webcast] — Conference Room 3

1. Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments [item 114]
   (a) Appointment of members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/70/101/Add.1)
2. Action on all items
3. Closure of the work of the Fifth Committee during the first part of the resumed seventieth session of the General Assembly

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Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10:00 to 13:00 — Closed meeting — Conference Room 10

15:00 to 18:00 — Closed meeting — Conference Room 10

1. United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo
2. Executive meeting
3. Support account for peacekeeping operations
4. Executive meeting

United Nations Appeals Tribunal

10:00 to 12:00 — Open meeting [webcast] — Conference Room 6

Public announcement of the outcome of UNAT judgments rendered during the 2016 spring session

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Security Council

Military Staff Committee

11:00 to 13:00 — 1844th meeting (closed) — Conference Room 8

United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (MONUSCO) and military-police cooperation

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Security Council Committee pursuant to resolutions 1267 (1999), 1989 (2011) and 2253 (2015) concerning ISIL (Da'esh), Al-Qaida and associated individuals, groups, undertakings and entities

15:00 to 18:00 — Informal consultations (closed) — Conference Room 7

1. Monitoring Team's travel and outreach

2. Oral briefing from the Coordinator of the Monitoring Team pursuant to paragraph 96 of resolution 2253 (2015)

3. Other matters

Economic and Social Council

2016 session

Informal informal consultations

10:00 Economic and Social Council Chamber

Informal informal consultations on behalf of the Presidency of the Economic and Social Council (Republic of Korea), convened by the facilitator (Switzerland), on the scope and methodology of the Global Sustainable Development Report. For information on the Global Sustainable Development Report, please *click here*.

Commission on the Status of Women

Sixtieth session

10:00 to 13:00 14th meeting [webcast] Conference Room 4

1. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters [item 2]

   Action on draft resolution E/CN.6/2016/L.6

2. Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and to the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" (E/CN.6/2016/2) [item 3]

   (c) Gender mainstreaming, situations and programmatic matters (A/70/38, E/CN.6/2016/8–A/HRC/32/3, E/CN.6/2016/9, E/CN.6/2016/10 and E/CN.6/2016/13)

   Action on draft resolutions E/CN.6/2016/L.3 and E/CN.6/2016/L.4

3. Communications concerning the status of women [item 4]

4. Follow-up to Economic and Social Council Resolution and decisions (E/CN.6/2016/11 and E/CN.6/2016/12) [item 5]

15:00 to 18:00 15th meeting [webcast] Conference Room 4

1. Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and to the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" (E/CN.6/2016/2) [item 3]

   (a) Identifying goals attained, achievements made and efforts under way to close gaps and meet challenges (E/CN.6/2016/3 and E/CN.6/2016/4)

      (i) Priority theme: Women's empowerment and the link to sustainable development (E/CN.6/2016/14, E/CN.6/2016/15, E/CN.6/2016/16, E/CN.6/2016/17, E/CN.6/2016/18 (to be issued), E/CN.6/2016/CRP.1 (to be issued as E/CN.6/2016/19), E/CN.6/2016/CRP.2 (to be issued as E/CN.6/2016/20))

Action on draft agreed conclusions on women's empowerment and its link to sustainable development

(ii) Review theme: The elimination and prevention of all forms of violence against women and girls (E/CN.6/2016/CRP.3 (to be issued as E/CN.6/2016/21))

(c) Gender mainstreaming, situations and programmatic matters (A/70/38, E/CN.6/2016/8–A/HRC/32/3, E/CN.6/2016/9, E/CN.6/2016/10 and E/CN.6/2016/13)

Action on draft resolution E/CN.6/2016/L.5

2. Provisional agenda for the sixty-first session of the Commission (E/CN.6/2016/L.1) [item 6]

3. Adoption of the report of the Commission on its sixtieth session (E/CN.6/2016/L.2) [item 7]

4. Closure of the sixtieth session

Informal consultations

10:00 to 13:00 Informal consultations (closed) Trusteeship Council Chamber

On the draft agreed conclusions on the priority theme of the Commission, convened by the facilitator (Germany)

Commission on the Status of Women
Sixty-first session

Afternoon (following the closure of the sixtieth session) to 18:00 1st meeting [webcast] Conference Room 4

Election of officers

Informal meetings on draft proposals convened by permanent missions

The agenda of the seventieth session of the General Assembly is contained in documents A/70/251 and A/70/252. The meetings under this header are closed.

General Assembly

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Improving global road safety" (under agenda item 13) (convened by the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation)

10:00 to 13:00 Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 9

Other meetings

The information below is reproduced as received and does not imply any opinion or endorsement by the Secretariat of the United Nations. The meetings under this header are open unless otherwise indicated.

Group of 77 (on Oceans and the Law of the Sea)

10:00 to 13:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 7

Group of 77 (on Second Committee and related matters)

13:15 to 14:30 Closed meeting Conference Room 12

Group of 77 (on the Commission on Population and Development)

15:00 to 18:00 Closed meeting Conference Room F

Briefing on "The Implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 7 (SDG 7) - New Strategy for Sustainable Energy for All (SE4ALL) and Report of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on SDG 7" (by the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Sustainable Energy for All) (organized by the Executive Office of the Secretary-General (EOSG))

13:15 to 14:30 [webcast] Conference Room 6

All are invited. For further information and to register, please contact Mr. Jonas von Freiesleben, EOSG (e-mail freiesleben@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-1660).

Special event on the occasion of the International Day of Remembrance of Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade (25 March) (A/RES/62/122) on the theme "Remember Slavery: Celebrating the Heritage and Culture of the African Diaspora and its Roots":

Panel discussion on "The Transatlantic Slave Trade: Constructing New Amistad, Bunce Island, Gullah, Maroon and Nova Scotia Bridges" (organized by the Permanent Mission of Sierra Leone, in collaboration with the Permanent Mission of Jamaica, the Sierra Leone Monuments and Relics Commission and the United Nations Remember Slavery Programme, and with the Department of Public Information (DPI))

13:15 to 14:30 [webcast] Economic and Social Council Chamber

All are invited. For further information, please contact the Permanent Mission of Sierra Leone (Ms. Iris Max-Macarthy (e-mail sierraleoneun.pr@gmail.com); or Mr. Franklyn Fawundu (e-mail franklynfawundu@yahoo.com; tel. 1 (212) 688-1656, ext. 14)); or Ms. Omyma David, DPI (e-mail david17@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-6320).

Arab Group (at the ambassadorial level)

15:00 to 16:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 6

Asia-Pacific Group (monthly meeting)

15:00 to 18:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 2

Press conferences

The schedule is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at www.un.org/sg/spokesperson/confschedule.asp.

Press Briefing Room (S-0237) [webcast]

12:00 Press briefing by the Spokesperson

Forthcoming official meetings

General Assembly

Seventieth session

Monday, 28 March to Thursday, 31 March 2016

10:00 to 13:00 Trusteeship Council Chamber

15:00 to 18:00 Trusteeship Council Chamber

In accordance with operative paragraph 10 of General Assembly resolution 70/216, the General Assembly will hold a preparatory meeting of experts for the Comprehensive High-level Midterm Review of the Implementation of the Istanbul Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2011-2020. Letters from the President of the General Assembly, dated 16 March 2016, 18 March 2016 and 23 March 2016, were sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers. For more information, please *click here*.

Tuesday, 29 March 2016

09:00 to 09:45 Trusteeship Council Chamber

The Co-Facilitators of the preparatory process for the Midterm Review will hold consultations with Stakeholders.

For more information, please *click here*.

Tuesday, 29 March 2016

10:00 Conference Room 11

The General Assembly will hold an informal meeting on the follow-up and review at the global level of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Letters from the President of the General Assembly, dated 3 March 2016 and 17 March 2016, were sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.

15:00 General Assembly Hall

The General Assembly will hold a plenary meeting to consider agenda item 118 (Follow-up to the commemoration of the two-hundredth anniversary of the abolition of the transatlantic slave trade: commemorative meeting on the occasion of the International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade).

Thursday, 31 March 2016

15:00 Conference Room 3

The General Assembly will hold an informal meeting on the follow-up and review at the global level of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Letters from the President of the General Assembly, dated 3 March 2016 and 17 March 2016, were sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.

Friday, 1 April 2016

15:00 Conference Room 3

The General Assembly will hold informal consultations with Stakeholders on the follow-up and review at the global level of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Letters from the President of the General Assembly, dated 3 March 2016 and 17 March 2016, were sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.

Thursday, 21 April 2016

The General Assembly will hold a High-Level Thematic Debate on Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals. Letters from the President of the General Assembly, dated 4 December 2015 and 18 January 2016, were sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers. For more information on the event, please *click here*. Delegations wishing to speak in the plenary segment are kindly requested to inscribe with the list of speakers, General Assembly Affairs Branch (Ms. Antonina Poliakova (e-mail poliakova@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063), copy to Ms. Mary Muturi (e-mail muturi@un.org)). Statements in the plenary segment should not exceed *three minutes*.

Thirtieth special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem
Tuesday, 19, Wednesday, 20 and Thursday, 21 April 2016

Pursuant to resolutions 67/193 of 20 December 2012, 69/200 of 18 December 2014 and 70/181 of 17 December 2015, the General Assembly will hold the thirtieth special session on the world drug problem. The thirtieth special session shall consist of a general debate and five interactive, multi-stakeholder round tables. Delegations wishing to speak in the plenary meetings, should contact the General Assembly Affairs Branch (e-mail poliakova@un.org, copy to muturi@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063; Room S-3082). To enable maximum participation within the limited time available, statements in the plenary meetings should not exceed *three minutes* when speaking in national capacity and *five minutes* when speaking on behalf of a group. In order to promote

interactive and substantive discussions; participation in the round tables will be conducted without a list of speakers. However, Member States, Observer States and Observers are encouraged to inform the General Assembly Affairs Branch (e-mail poliakova@un.org, copy to muturi@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063; Room S-3082) in which of the round tables they wish to intervene.

Delegations are reminded that credentials should be issued for all representatives to the thirtieth special session of the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly. Credentials should be sent to the secretariat of the Credentials Committee (Room S-3633; tel. 1 (917) 367-5133).

For more information, please *click here*.

Preparatory Committee established by General Assembly resolution 69/292: Development of an international legally binding instrument under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction
First session
(28 March-8 April 2016)

Monday, 28 March 2016

10:00 Conference Room 1

The provisional agenda and the provisional programme of work of the meeting are contained in documents A/AC.287/2016/PC.1/L.1 and A/AC.287/2016/PC.1/L.2. The above documents, as well as other relevant information on the Preparatory Committee, are available on the website of the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs (OLA) (*click here*).

Delegations that have not done so are kindly reminded to submit the names of their representatives participating in the Preparatory Committee to the Division by *today*, 24 March 2016 (e-mail doalos@un.org; Room DC2-450; fax 1 (917) 367-0560). Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list of speakers are invited to contact Ms. Charlotte Salpin, OLA (e-mail salpin@un.org).

PaperSmart arrangements will be available for the duration of the First session of the Preparatory Committee. Delegations wishing to circulate their statements electronically through the PaperSmart portal should send a copy of the statement at least *one hour* in advance of delivery to papersmart8@un.org. The entity name, date of the meeting and the agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail. The statements will be made available on the PaperSmart portal after their delivery by delegations. PDF format is preferred.

Delegations are kindly requested to provide *twenty* hardcopies of the text for the technical services *no later than one hour* before delivery of the statement.

The list of side events scheduled to be held during the meeting can be consulted by *clicking here*.

Open-ended Working Group on the Fourth Special Session of the General Assembly Devoted to Disarmament
First substantive session

Monday, 28 March to Friday, 1 April 2016 Conference Room 4

Disarmament Commission
2016 substantive session
(4-22 April 2016)

Monday, 4 April 2016

10:00 Opening meeting Conference Room 3

Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list of speakers are invited to contact the secretariat (Ms. Lidija Komatina (e-mail komatina@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-2378)). The secretariat would also appreciate it if delegations would communicate to the Disarmament and Peace Affairs Branch, via note verbale (e-mail leu@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5305), *as soon as possible*, the names of the representative(s) who will participate in the work of the Disarmament Commission.

Committee on Contributions
Seventy-sixth session
(6-24 June 2016)

The attention of any Member States intending to request an exemption under Article 19 of the Charter of the United Nations is drawn to the provisions of General Assembly resolution 54/237 C, in which the Assembly, *inter alia*, urges such Member States to provide the fullest possible supporting information. The Assembly also decided that requests for exemption under Article 19 must be submitted by Member States *at least two weeks* before the session of the Committee on Contributions, so as to ensure a full review of the requests. Accordingly, any such requests should be received by the President of the General Assembly *no later than Friday, 20 May 2016*. For further information, kindly contact the Secretary of the Committee (tel. 1 (212) 963-5306; Room FF-700 (304 East 45th Street); fax 1 (212) 963-1943); or by e-mail to contributions@un.org.

The Committee on Contributions will also be considering multi-year payment plans submitted pursuant to General Assembly resolution 57/4 B, as reaffirmed in resolution 70/245. Any Member States intending to submit such a plan are also invited to contact the Secretary of the Committee for further information.

Security Council

Monday, 28 March 2016

10:00 Security Council Chamber

Open debate on "The role of women in conflict prevention and resolution in Africa" in connection with the agenda item "Women and peace and security". Member States wishing to inscribe their names on the list of speakers should send a letter addressed to the President of the Security Council requesting to participate in accordance with Rule 37 of the Council's Provisional Rules of Procedure (e-mail dpa-scsb3@un.org; or fax 1 (917) 367-0406). Please note that only scanned copies of signed letters will be accepted by e-mail. Delegations are kindly requested to limit their statements to *no more than four minutes*. Delegations are reminded that the list of speakers will not be available by telephone or email, but only in hard copy in the Chamber, shortly before the beginning of the meeting. Communications addressed to the President of the Security Council should be delivered to the Office of the President of the Security Council (e-mail

dpa-scsb3@un.org; Room S-2472; fax 1 (917) 367-0406). For queries, please call at 1 (212) 963-5258. The website of the Presidency of the Security Council can be visited by *clicking here*.

Security Council Committee pursuant to resolutions 1267 (1999), 1989 (2011) and 2253 (2015) concerning ISIL (Da'esh), Al-Qaida and associated individuals, groups, undertakings and entities

Briefings

Tuesday, 29 March 2016

10:30 Conference Room 7

The Chair of the Al-Qaida Sanctions Committee, His Excellency Gerard van Bohemen (New Zealand), and the Acting Coordinator of the Analytical Support and Sanctions Monitoring Team, Mr. Hans-Jakob Schindler, will hold a briefing for interested Member States. The briefing will provide an update on the work of the Committee and the Analytical Support and Sanctions Monitoring Team.

The Chair and the Monitoring Team look forward to having an interactive discussion with Member States, and will be pleased to answer any questions that representatives may wish to raise in the question and answer part of the session.

Morning (immediately following the previous briefing) Conference Room 7

The Ombudsperson to the Security Council Committee pursuant to resolutions 1267 (1999) and 1989 (2011) and 2253 (2016) concerning ISIL (Da'esh), Al-Qaida and associated individuals, groups, undertakings and entities, Ms. Catherine Marchi-Uhel, will present open briefing for all Member States, following the briefing by the Chair of the Committee and the Coordinator of the Analytical, Support and Sanctions Monitoring Team. The Ombudsperson will provide an update on the work of her office. The Ombudsperson will be pleased to answer any questions that representatives of Member States may wish to raise at this briefing.

Economic and Social Council

2016 session

Special meeting on inequality

Wednesday, 30 March 2016

10:00 to 13:00 Economic and Social Council Chamber

15:00 to 18:00 Economic and Social Council Chamber

In the context of Goal-10 of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the Economic and Social Council will hold a special meeting on inequality chaired by the President of the Council (Republic of Korea). The special meeting will comprise of interactive panel discussions. There will be no pre-determined list of speakers and participants are requested to refrain from reading prepared statements. In order to provide for maximum participation, interventions will be limited to *three minutes*.

All are invited to attend. Members of the Council are requested to communicate the composition of their delegation to the Secretariat as early as possible. Due to limited

seating, Member States that are not members of the Council, as well as the United Nations system and other organizations, are requested to inform the Acting Secretary of the Council of their prospective participation in the special meeting (c/o e-mail olvida@un.org *no later than* noon on Monday, 28 March 2016, in order to be provided a seat in the plenary room. All others will be seated on a first-come, first-serve basis. For more details on the special meeting on inequality, please contact Mr. Philipp Erfurth, Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (e-mail erfurth@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-4938). Additional information is also available on the website of the Council (*click here*).

Partnership Forum

Thursday, 31 March 2016

10:00 to 13:00 Economic and Social Council Chamber

15:00 to 18:00 Economic and Social Council Chamber

The Economic and Social Council will hold a Partnership Forum on the theme "From commitments to results: Leveraging partnerships for the 2030 Agenda". The Forum will be chaired by the President of the Council (Republic of Korea).

All are invited to attend. Members of the Council are requested to communicate the composition of their delegation to the Secretariat as early as possible. Due to limited seating, Member States that are not members of the Council, as well as the United Nations system and other organizations, are requested to inform the Acting Secretary of the Council of their participation in the Forum (c/o e-mail olvida@un.org) *no later than* noon on Tuesday, 29 March 2016, in order to be provided a seat in the Chamber. All others will be seated on a first-come, first-serve basis.

For more details on the Partnership Forum, please contact Mr. Ajit Yogasundram, Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (e-mail yogasundram@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5737). Additional information is also available on the website of the Council (*click here*).

Coordination and management meeting

Monday, 4, to Wednesday, 6 April 2016 Economic and Social Council Chamber

The coordination and management meeting will be chaired by the Vice-President of the Council (Zimbabwe). The provisional programme for the meeting is available on the website of the Council (*click here*). For further information, please contact Mr. Marc-Andre Dorel, Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (e-mail dorel@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-7204).

The *general discussion* of agenda item 18 (i) (Economic and environmental questions: cartography) will be held in the afternoon of Monday, 4 April. Requests for inscription on *the list of speakers* should be sent, *in writing*, with the full name and title of the speaker, to the Acting Secretary of the Council (c/o Ms. Theresa Olvida (e-mail olvida@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)). Inscription to the list of speakers will close *by 17:00, on Friday, 1 April 2016*. The time limit set for statements is *seven minutes* for speakers on behalf of groups and *five minutes* for statements by individual delegations.

The *elections, nominations, confirmations and appointments* (item 4) to fill vacancies in the membership of the subsidiary bodies of the Council will be held on Tuesday, 5 April. The list of subsidiary bodies for which the Council will take action on is contained in document E/2016/1/Add.1. Additional supporting documentation is available on Candiweb by *clicking here*. For further information, please contact Ms. Sangeeta Sharma (e-mail sharma7@un.org), with a copy to Ms. Mary Constable (e-mail constablem@un.org).

For inclusion in the *list of participants* delegations are kindly requested to send the names of their representatives and alternates attending the meeting to the Acting Secretary of the Council (c/o Ms. Theresa Olvida (e-mail olvida@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail. Delegations are further advised that *only one list of participants will be issued at the end of the 2016 session of the Council*.

PaperSmart arrangements will be available for the duration of the 2016 session of the Council. Delegations wishing to circulate their statements electronically through the PaperSmart portal of the Council should send a copy of the statement at least *one hour* in advance of delivery to papersmart2@un.org. The date of the meeting and the agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail. The statements will be made available in the PaperSmart portal after their delivery by delegations. To access the PaperSmart portal of the Council, please *click here*.

Forum on financing for development follow-up

Monday, 18 April to Wednesday, 20 April 2016 Trusteeship Council Chamber

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 70/192 and Economic and Social Council decision 2016/210, the inaugural meeting of the forum will be convened by the President of the Council (Republic of Korea). Pursuant to Council decision 2016/211, the theme of the meeting will be "Financing for sustainable development: follow-up to the Addis Ababa Action Agenda".

The forum will include the special high-level meeting of the Council with the Bretton Woods institutions, the World Trade Organization and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development. The forum will have universal, intergovernmental participation, utilizing the modalities of participation of the international conferences on financing for development.

Additional information is available on the website of the Financing for Development Office (*click here*). For further details, contact Ms. Dominika Halka, FFDO/Department of Economic and Social Affairs (e-mail halka@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-6653).

For *inclusion in the list of participants*, delegations are kindly requested to send the names of their representatives and alternates attending the forum to the Acting Secretary of the Council, Mr. Moncef Khane (c/o Ms. Theresa Olvida (e-mail olvida@un.org; Room S-1281; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail.

PaperSmart arrangements will be offered as an additional service to the meetings of the forum. Delegations wishing to circulate their statements electronically through the PaperSmart Portal of the Council should send a copy of the statement at least one hour in advance of delivery to papersmart2@un.org. The date and topic of the meeting should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail.

The statements will be made available in the PaperSmart portal after its delivery by delegations. To access the PaperSmart portal of the Council, please *click here*.

Committee for the United Nations Population Award

Wednesday, 30 March 2016

10:00 to 11:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 9
	Organizational meeting	
11:00 to 13:00	1st meeting	Conference Room 9

Kindly confirm your participation by replying to Ms. Lourdeth Ferguson (e-mail ferguson@unfpa.org). All member delegations are invited to attend.

Commission on Population and Development

Informal consultations

Tuesday, 29 March 2016

10:00 to 13:00	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6
15:00 to 18:00	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

On the zero-draft resolution on the future organization and methods of work of the Commission on Population and Development, convened by the Vice-Chair designate, Ms. Oana Rebedea (Romania), and Ms. Iara Beekma Reis (Plurinational State of Bolivia). Subsequent dates and times for informal consultations will be announced in the *Journal*, at a later date.

Forty-ninth session
(11-15 April 2016)

Monday, 11 April 2016

10:00 Conference Room 4

The provisional agenda of the session and the proposed organization of work are contained in documents E/CN.9/2016/1 and E/CN.9/2016/L.1, respectively. To consult background information and official documents for the session, please *click here*.

For *participation and seating arrangements*, members of the Commission wishing to attend the session are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretary of the Commission, Ms. Sonia Elliott (e-mail elliotts@un.org; Room S-3064; fax 1 (212) 963-5305).

Member States that are not members of the Commission, non-member States, observers, United Nations agencies, funds and programmes and Regional Commissions are also requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the secretariat in advance of the session. Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail. Kindly note that only those observers who have confirmed their

participation will be provided a nameplate on the floor of Conference Room 4 on the opening day. All others will be seated on a first-come, first-served basis.

The *lists of speakers* for all agenda items are open. Requests for inscription in the list of speakers should be sent *in writing*, with the full name and title of the speaker, to the secretariat of the Commission (Mr. Martin Vrastiak (e-mail vrastiak@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5305)).

In accordance with the programme of work, the general discussion under agenda item 4 (General debate on national experience in population matters: strengthening the demographic evidence base for the post-2015 development agenda), will be held from Monday, 11 April 2016 (for more details, please consult the organization of work in document E/CN.9/2016/L.1).

Delegations are advised that statements made by individual States should not exceed *five minutes*; statements made on behalf of a group of States should not exceed *ten minutes*; and statements made by observers should not exceed *four minutes*.

For information on the *participation of non-governmental organizations* in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council in the work of the Commission, please *click here*.

Information on *side events*, or activities organized outside the formal programme of the session of the Commission can be accessed by *clicking here*.

For the *election of the Bureau of the fiftieth session*, the Commission will hold the first meeting of its fiftieth session for the sole purpose of electing a new Chair and other members of the Bureau, immediately following the closure of its forty-ninth session.

United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)
Informal consultation

Monday, 28 March 2016

15:00 to 18:00 Conference Room 5

Informal consultation on the Midterm Review of the Strategic Plan and Integrated Budget with the Executive Board Members. All interested members of delegations are invited to attend.

Forthcoming other meetings

The information below is reproduced as received and does not imply any opinion or endorsement by the Secretariat of the United Nations. The meetings under this header are open unless otherwise indicated.

Event on "Achieving the Oceans We Want: Exploring Options" (organized by the Office of the Permanent Observer for the International Union for Conservation of Nature to the United Nations (IUCN))

Monday, 28 March 2016

13:15 to 14:30 Conference Room 9

All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Kelsey Dougherty Howard, IUCN (e-mail kelsey.howard@iucn.org; tel. 1 (212) 346-1163).

Special event on "Raising awareness and building resilience to disasters – experience from Japan" (organized by the Permanent Mission of Japan)

Tuesday, 29 March 2016

12:00 to 13:00 Conference Room 5

All are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Maury Guadalupe, Permanent Mission of Japan (e-mail maury.guadalupe@dn.mofa.go.jp; tel. 1 (212) 521-1582).

Panel discussion on "The UNAOC Baku Global Forum Declaration" (organized by the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC))

Tuesday, 29 March 2016

15:00 to 18:00 Conference Room 11

For further information, please contact Ms. Anna Pavlyuchenko, UNAOC (e-mail annap@unops.org; tel. 1 (929) 274-6217).

Special event on the occasion of the International Day of Remembrance of Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade (25 March) (A/RES/62/122) on the theme "Remember Slavery: Celebrating the Heritage and Culture of the African Diaspora and its Roots":

Cultural event (organized by the United Nations Remember Slavery Programme, in collaboration with the Department of Public Information (DPI))

Tuesday, 29 March 2016

18:30 Visitors Lobby

All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Omyma David, DPI (e-mail david17@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-6320).

Event entitled "How financial inclusion strategies support inclusive growth: The role of country-level diagnostics and data" (organized the United Nations Capital Development Fund (UNCDF))

Wednesday, 30 March 2016

13:15 to 14:30 Conference Room 7

All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Darah Aljoudar, UNCDF (e-mail darah.aljoudar@uncdf.org; tel. 1 (212) 906-5381).

Event on "The Science and Business of Marine Genetic Resources" (organized by the Office of the Permanent Observer for the International Union for Conservation of Nature to the United Nations (IUCN))

Friday, 1 April 2016

13:15 to 14:30 Conference Room 12

High-level event on "Addressing Autism: Strategies for the Global Community in Relation to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)" (on the occasion of the World Autism Awareness Day**) (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Bangladesh, India, Qatar and the Republic of Korea, the United States Mission and Autism Speaks)**

Friday, 1 April 2016

15:00 to 18:00 Trusteeship Council Chamber

All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Andrée Antoun, Permanent Mission of Qatar (e-mail eventspmun@mofa.gov.qa, tel. 1 (212) 486-9335, ext. 776 or 323).

Briefing on "Migration Data for Humanitarian Response and Development" (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of the Republic of Moldova and Switzerland, and the International Organization for Migration (IOM))

Tuesday, 5 April 2016

10:00 to 13:00 Conference Room 8

All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Kate Gough, IOM (e-mail kgough@iom.int; tel. 1 (212) 681-7000, ext. 263). To register, please send an e-mail to rsvpnewyork@iom.int.

Forthcoming official meetings held away from Headquarters

Economic and Social Council

United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names
Twenty-ninth session
Bangkok, Thailand (25-29 April 2016)

The twenty-ninth session of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names will be held at the United Nations Conference Centre in Bangkok. The provisional agenda for the session is contained in document GEGN/29/1. For further information on the session, please *click here*.

Members of the Group of Experts, as well as observers, who wish to attend the session and be included in the *list of participants* are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations by means of a note verbale on official letterhead to the Secretary of the Group of Experts, Mr. Kenji Nakano (c/o Mr. Victor Leu (e-mail leu@un.org; Room S-3073; fax 1 (212) 963-5305)). Please note that only scanned copies of note verbales will be accepted by e-mail.

Announcements

High-level signature ceremony for the Paris Agreement
Friday, 22 April 2016

The Secretary-General of the United Nations will convene the high-level signature ceremony for the Paris Agreement.

On this occasion, Parties to the UNFCCC will be provided with an opportunity to deliver national statements in parallel sessions, which will be held concurrently with the signing ceremony. In light of time constraints, the length of these statements should not exceed *three minutes*. Delegations wishing to deliver statements should approach Ms. Antonina Poliakova (e-mail poliakova@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063, copy to Ms. Mary Muturi, e-mail muturi@un.org), at the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management. The list of speakers will be maintained in accordance with customary protocol.

Opening for signature
Friday, 22 April 2016

States and regional economic integration organizations intending to sign the Paris Agreement at the high-level signature ceremony convened by the Secretary-General on 22 April 2016 are requested to send to the Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs, as soon as possible and well in advance of the ceremony, a letter or note verbale confirming their participation in the signature ceremony and indicating the name and title of the representative who will sign the Agreement on their behalf. When needed, this communication should be accompanied by the instrument of full powers authorizing the representative to sign the Agreement.

In this regard, it is recalled that, under established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government and Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign the Agreement on behalf of their State without having to produce full powers. Any other representatives wishing to sign the Agreement must be in possession of appropriate full powers emanating from one of these three authorities.

Contacts: Ms. Dina Hamdy (e-mail hamdyd@un.org); or Ms. Hada Guevara (e-mail guevarah@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5047; fax 1 (212) 963-3693).

World Humanitarian Summit
Istanbul, Turkey, 23-24 May 2016

The Secretary-General will convene the first World Humanitarian Summit from Monday, 23 to Tuesday, 24 May 2016, in Istanbul, Turkey. For more information on the Summit, please *click here*. Representatives of Member States and Observers of the General Assembly wishing to inscribe in the list of speakers for the plenary session entitled "Member States and other Stakeholders' Announcement Plenary" can contact the General Assembly Affairs Branch (e-mail poliakova@un.org; tel. (212) 963-5063; Room S-3082; with copy to muturi@un.org). Statements in the Announcement Plenary should not exceed ***three minutes***.

2016 United Nations Disarmament Fellowship, Training and Advisory Services Programme

Member States are reminded that the deadline for submission of nominations to the 2016 United Nations Disarmament Fellowship, Training and Advisory Services Programme is *Friday, 15 April 2016* (Note verbale ODA/01-2016/FP dated 4 January 2016). Only one nomination per Member State may be submitted and should be addressed to: The Coordinator, United Nations Disarmament Fellowship, Training and Advisory Services Programme, Office for Disarmament Affairs, Geneva Branch, Palais des Nations, Room C-113-1, 1211 Geneva 10, Switzerland. Nomination form and other attachments can be found by *clicking here*.

International Law Seminar for African Universities — Call for applications
(15-26 August 2016)

The first International Law Seminar for African Universities is scheduled to take place at the Kofi Annan Centre in Accra, Ghana, to promote capacity building in international law education for the benefit of teachers from academic institutions and government training centres throughout the region. The African Institute of International Law will conduct the seminar in cooperation with the host country, Ghana, the Kofi Annan Centre, the African Union and the Codification Division of the United Nations Office of Legal Affairs pursuant to General Assembly resolution 70/116. The deadline for submitting applications is *Friday, 29 April 2016*. Information concerning the seminar and the application process is available on the website of the African Institute of International Law. The seminar is subject to funding by voluntary contributions.

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For more information, please see the website of the African Institute of International Law (*click here*); or contact the Secretary of the Advisory Committee on the Programme of Assistance, Ms. Virginia Morris (e-mail morrisv@un.org).

Credentials for forthcoming elections of members of human rights treaty bodies

With a view to facilitating the timely submission of credentials for all meetings of States parties convened to elect members of human rights treaty bodies, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights wishes to give all States parties to the international human rights treaties advance notice that the following meetings of States parties will take place in 2016:

Ninth session of the Conference of States parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (14-16 June 2016): election to replace nine members of the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities whose terms expire on 31 December 2016 (*click here* for general information);

Nineteenth meeting of States parties to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (21 June 2016): election to replace twelve members of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women whose terms expire on 31 December 2016 (*click here* for general information);

Thirty-fifth meeting of States parties to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (23 June 2016): election to replace nine members of the Human Rights Committee whose terms expire on 31 December 2016 (*click here* for general information); and

Sixteenth meeting of States parties to the Convention on the Rights of the Child (30 June 2016): election to replace nine members of the Committee on the Rights of the Child whose terms expire on 28 February 2017 (*click here* for general information).

The rules of procedure of each meeting require delegations to submit credentials to the Secretary-General *prior to the meeting*. Many delegations fail to provide such credentials in time and the Secretariat continues to receive obsolete credentials many months after the meetings have concluded. All States parties are kindly requested to put in place the necessary arrangements to ensure that credentials for each of these meetings are submitted *no later than one week before* the meeting in question.

Delegations are reminded that the credentials of representatives and the names of members of the delegation must be issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

Original copies of credentials and names of delegates for the Conference of States parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities should only be submitted to the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) (Attn: Mr. Guozhong Zhang (e-mail zhangg@un.org; Room S-2905)). Original copies of credentials and names of delegates, duly signed by the head of state or government or foreign minister, for all other meetings should be submitted to the New York Office of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (Attn. Ms. Sheilah Trotta (e-mail trotta@un.org; Room DC1-213)).

Details on the procedures for the nomination of candidates for each of these elections will be communicated to States parties via notes verbales from OHCHR Geneva.

Training for delegates and staff of permanent missions

The Dag Hammarskjöld Library will conduct the following training (in English) for delegates and staff of permanent missions, at the Library Building, Room L-133 (First Floor), for the month of *April 2016*:

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For more information, please contact the Library (e-mail library-ny@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3000).

Report of the High-level Panel on the Global Response to Health Crises

In order to provide timely access, the report of the Secretary-General's High-level Panel on the Global Response to Health Crises has been made available electronically, in an advance unedited version, and can be accessed by *clicking here*.

The report will be issued as an official document in due course, in conjunction with the Secretary-General's own report, which will be based on the Panel's important findings.

Online reservation system for side events on the occasion of the sixtieth session of the Commission on the Status of Women

The United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women) is pleased to announce that the online reservation system for side events on the occasion of the sixtieth session of the Commission on the Status of Women is open. Permanent missions and United Nations entities may access the system by *clicking here*.

For inquiries and to sign up for an account, please contact UN-Women (e-mail csw.sideevents@unwomen.org).

***Repertoire* of the Practice of the Security Council**

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Calendar of conferences and meetings

The 2016 calendar of conferences and meetings is available and posted on the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM) website, or can be consulted by *clicking here*.

Summary of official meetings

Wednesday, 23 March 2016

Security Council

[archived video]

7654th meeting

The situation concerning the Democratic Republic of the Congo

Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (S/2016/233)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President invited the representative of the Democratic Republic of the Congo to participate in the meeting in accordance with rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President invited Mr. Maman Sidikou, Special Representative of the Secretary-General for the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Head of the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, to participate in the meeting in accordance with rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard a briefing by Mr. Sidikou.

The Council heard a statement by His Excellency Raymond Tshibanda N'Tungamulongo, Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Economic and Social Council

2016 session

Commission on the Status of Women

Sixtieth session

[archived video]

13th meeting

Communications concerning the status of women [item 4]

The Commission considered the agenda item in a closed session.

Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and to the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century: gender mainstreaming, situations and programmatic matters" [item 3 (c)]

Introduction of draft resolution E/CN.6/2016/L.3

The observer of Thailand introduced the draft resolution, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and to the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" [item 3]

The Commission resumed its general discussion of the agenda item as a whole.

Statements were made by the representatives of Albania and Bangladesh.

Statements were also made by the observers of Senegal, Barbados, Guatemala, Algeria, Benin, Kiribati and Fiji.

The observers of the Union for the Mediterranean, the Sovereign Military Order of Malta, the Inter-Parliamentary Union and the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies made statements.

The representatives of the International Trade Centre, the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and the International Labour Organization also made statements.

The representatives of the following non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council also made statements: ACT Alliance, Amnesty International, Asian-Pacific Resource and Research Centre for Women, Baha'i International Community, the Center for Reproductive Rights, Inc., Centre for Community Economics and Development Consultants Society, Coalition Against Trafficking in Women, International Federation of Medical Students' Associations, International Association of Democratic Lawyers, International Federation of University Women, International Planned Parenthood Federation, International Women's Rights Action Watch Asia Pacific, Solar Cookers International, United Nations Association of the United States of America, Centro Regional de Derechos Humanos y Justicia de Género (Regional Center of Human rights and Gender Justice), Women's Global Network for Reproductive Rights, World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts, World Young Women's Christian Association and the GRAIL.

The Commission thus concluded its general discussion of agenda item 3 as a whole.

Organization of work

The Vice-Chair (Bosnia and Herzegovina) made a statement.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

The dates indicated correspond to the dates of receipt of the relevant documents, except for the signatures.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination. New York, 7 March 1966

Declaration under article 14 (1): El Salvador (23 March 2016)

Convention on the Rights of the Child. New York, 20 November 1989

Objection to the reservations made by Somalia upon ratification: Latvia (23 March 2016)

Amendment to the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context. Sofia, 27 February 2001

Ratification: Latvia (23 March 2016)

Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment to the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context. Kiev, 21 May 2003

Ratification: Latvia (23 March 2016)

Amendment to the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context. Cavtat, 4 June 2004

Ratification: Latvia (23 March 2016)

General information

Chairs of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *March 2016* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States
United Republic of Tanzania
His Excellency Tuvako Nathaniel Manongi

Asia-Pacific States
Indonesia
His Excellency Muhammad Anshor
Chargé d'affaires

Eastern European States
Azerbaijan
His Excellency Yashar Aliyev

Latin American and Caribbean States
Antigua and Barbuda
His Excellency Walton Alfonso Webson

Western European and other States
Luxembourg
Her Excellency Sylvie Lucas

General Assembly

Seventieth session

For the online schedule of informal and formal meetings of the General Assembly for the resumed part of the seventieth session, please *click here*.

For the *list of speakers*, delegations wishing to speak in the plenary meetings are kindly requested to inscribe with the list of speakers, General Assembly Affairs Branch (Ms. Antonina Poliakova (e-mail poliakova@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063)).

For the submission of a *draft resolution* for the plenary, please call 1 (212) 963-7784 (Room S-3044). Please *click here* for the guidelines for submission of draft resolutions in the General Assembly.

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The communications should indicate the session of the General Assembly, and the number and title of the agenda item under which circulation is requested, using the agenda of the seventieth session of the General Assembly contained in document A/70/251.

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Materials that are accessible to the public on websites or through the media, such as statements, press releases and images, should be cited rather than included in the communications.

For *future elections of non-permanent members of the Security Council and members of the Economic and Social Council* pursuant to operative paragraph 17 of resolution 68/307 of 10 September 2014, the election for the 2017-2019 term in the Economic and Social Council will take place *in the afternoon* on Tuesday, 14 June 2016. The elections for the 2017-2018 term in the Security Council will take place on Tuesday, 28 June 2016.

The *election of the President* of the General Assembly at its seventy-first session, as well as the *election of the Vice-Presidents and Chairs of the Main Committees* at its seventy-first session will take place on Monday, 13 June 2016.

Candiweb – A website dedicated to elections and candidatures at United Nations Headquarters in New York, to access it, please *click here*.

Seventy-first session

The preliminary list of items to be included in the provisional agenda of the seventy-first regular session of the General Assembly is contained in document A/71/50.

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For publishing material for inclusion in the *Journal*, please contact the Journal Unit/DGACM (e-mail journal@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3888; or 1 (212) 963-0493);

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Security Council

Communications to the President of the Security Council

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The *website of the Presidency* of the Security Council can be visited at www.un.org/en/sc/presidency/.

Information about previously *unscheduled meetings* and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by clicking on "Programme of work" on the website of the Security Council at www.un.org/en/sc; or by calling 1 (212) 963-5258.

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Documents issued at United Nations Headquarters on Wednesday, 23 March 2016

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Symbol	*Main title*
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A/70/7/Add.47/Rev.1	Item 134 — Programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017 — Estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council — Thematic cluster I: special and personal envoys and special advisers of the Secretary-General — Office of the Special Adviser to the Secretary-General — Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions [A C E F R S] — *9 pages*
A/70/101/Add.1	Item 114 (a) — Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments — Appointment of members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions — Note by the Secretary-General [A C E F R S] — *3 pages*
A/70/774	Item 79 (a) — Oceans and the law of the sea — Letter dated 3 March 2016 from the Permanent Representative of China to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S] — *3 pages*
A/70/784	Item 46 — Question of the Falkland Islands (Malvinas) — Letter dated 7 March 2016 from the Permanent Representative of Uruguay to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S] — *3 pages*
A/70/787–S/2016/248	Item 44 — Question of Cyprus — Letter dated 15 March 2016 from the Permanent Representative of Turkey to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S] — *3 pages*
A/70/788–S/2016/257	Items 44 and 79 (a) — Question of Cyprus — Oceans and the law of the sea — Letter dated 17 March 2016 from the Permanent Representative of Turkey to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S] — *2 pages*
A/70/790	Item 125 — Global health and foreign policy — Scope, modalities, format and organization of the high-level meeting on antimicrobial resistance convened by the President of the General Assembly — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S] — *3 pages*

Security Council

S/2016/49 Letter dated 18 January 2016 from the Chair of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S] — *127 pages*

S/2016/245 Letter dated 14 March 2016 from the Permanent Representative of the United Arab Emirates to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S] — *2 pages*

A/70/787–S/2016/248 Letter dated 15 March 2016 from the Permanent Representative of Turkey to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S] — *3 pages*

A/70/788–S/2016/257 Letter dated 17 March 2016 from the Permanent Representative of Turkey to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S] — *2 pages*

Economic and Social Council

Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations
2016 resumed session

E/C.2/2016/2/Add.29 Quadrennial reports for the period 2010-2013 submitted by non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council through the Secretary-General pursuant to Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31 — Note by the Secretary-General [A C E F R S] — *18 pages*

E/C.2/2016/2/Add.30 Quadrennial reports for the period 2011-2014 submitted by non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council through the Secretary-General pursuant to Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31 — Note by the Secretary-General [A C E F R S] — *18 pages*

E/C.2/2016/2/Add.39 Quadrennial reports for the period 2011-2014 submitted by non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council through the Secretary-General pursuant to Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31 — Note by the Secretary-General [A C E F R S] — *19 pages*

Commission on the Status of Women
Sixtieth session

E/CN.6/2016/15 Item 3 (a) (i) — Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and to the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century": implementation of strategic objectives and action in critical areas of concern and further actions and initiatives: priority theme: women's empowerment and the link to sustainable development — Ministerial round table on strengthening normative, legal and policy frameworks for gender equality and women's empowerment — Chair's summary [A C E F R S] — *3 pages*

E/CN.6/2016/16 Item 3 (a) (i) — Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and to the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century": implementation of strategic objectives and action in critical areas of concern and further actions and initiatives: priority theme: women's empowerment and the link to sustainable development — Ministerial round table on financing for gender equality and women's empowerment in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development — Chair's summary [A C E F R S]
— *3 pages*

E/CN.6/2016/L.2 Item 7 — Adoption of the report of the Commission on its sixtieth session — Draft report — Organization of the session [A C E F R S] — *2 pages*

E/CN.6/2016/L.3 Item 3 (c) — Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and to the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century": gender mainstreaming, situations and programmatic matters — Thailand: draft resolution — Situation of and assistance to Palestinian women [A C E F R S] — *5 pages*

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Programme of meetings and agenda

Monday, 28 March 2016

Official meetings

[There are no official meetings scheduled at Headquarters on *Friday, 25 March 2016,* official holiday.]

Security Council

10:00 — 7658th meeting [webcast] — Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Women and peace and security

The role of women in conflict prevention and resolution in Africa

Note verbale dated 7 March 2016 from the Permanent Mission of Angola to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (S/2016/219)

[Delegations are kindly requested to limit their statements to *no more than four minutes*.]

General Assembly

Seventieth session

10:00 to 13:00 — [webcast] — Trusteeship Council Chamber

15:00 to 18:00 — [webcast] — Trusteeship Council Chamber

In accordance with operative paragraph 10 of General Assembly resolution 70/216, the General Assembly will hold a preparatory meeting of experts for the Comprehensive High-level Midterm Review of the Implementation of the Istanbul Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2011-2020. Letters from the President of the General Assembly, dated 16 March 2016, 18 March 2016 and 23 March 2016,

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Preparatory Committee established by General Assembly resolution 69/292: Development of an international legally binding instrument under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction
First session

10:00 to 13:00	1st meeting	Conference Room 1
	Opening of the session [item 1]	
	Welcome and opening remarks by the Secretary-General or his representative [item 2]	
	Adoption of the agenda A/AC.287/2016/PC.1/L.1[item 3]	
	Election of members of the Bureau A/AC.287/2016/PC.1/L.2 [item 4]	
	Programme of work [item 5]	
	General statements [item 6]	
15:00 to 18:00	2nd meeting	Conference Room 1
	Development of substantive recommendations on the elements of a draft text of an international legally binding instrument under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea [item 7]	
	Consideration of the scope of an international legally binding instrument and its relationship with other instruments	

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The list of side events scheduled to be held during the meeting can be consulted by *clicking here*.]

Open-ended Working Group on the Fourth Special Session of the General Assembly Devoted to Disarmament
First substantive session

10:00 to 13:00	2nd meeting	Conference Room 4
15:00 to 18:00	3rd meeting (closed)	Conference Room 4

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10:00 to 13:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 10
15:00 to 18:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 10

1. United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali

2. Executive meeting
3. Support account for peacekeeping operations
4. Executive meeting

United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)
Informal consultation

15:00 to 18:00 Conference Room 5

Informal consultation on the Midterm Review of the Strategic Plan and Integrated Budget with the Executive Board Members. All interested members of delegations are invited to attend.

Other meetings

The information below is reproduced as received and does not imply any opinion or endorsement by the Secretariat of the United Nations. The meetings under this header are open unless otherwise indicated.

Event on "Achieving the Oceans We Want: Exploring Options" (organized by the Office of the Permanent Observer for the International Union for Conservation of Nature to the United Nations (IUCN))

13:15 to 14:30 Conference Room 9

All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Kelsey Dougherty Howard, IUCN (e-mail kelsey.howard@iucn.org; tel. 1 (212) 346-1163).

Press conferences

The schedule is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at www.un.org/sg/spokesperson/confschedule.asp.

Press Briefing Room (S-0237) [webcast]

09:30 His Excellency Eden Charles, Chargé d'affaires, Permanent Mission of Trinidad and Tobago and Chair of the Preparatory Committee; His Excellency Rolando Castro, Deputy Permanent Representative of Costa Rica; Mr. Alejandro Alday, Legal Counsel of the Secretariat of Foreign Affairs of Mexico; and Ms. Elizabeth Wilson, Director, International Ocean Policy, The Pew Charitable Trusts (on the occasion of the First Meeting of the Preparatory Committee for the development of an international legally binding instrument under The United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) on the Conservation and Sustainable Use of marine biological diversity of areas beyond national jurisdictions (BBNJ)) [sponsored by the Permanent Mission of Costa Rica]

12:00 Press briefing by the Spokesperson

Forthcoming official meetings

General Assembly

Seventieth session

Tuesday, 29 March 2016

09:00 to 09:45 — Trusteeship Council Chamber

The Co-Facilitators of the preparatory process for the Midterm Review will hold consultations with stakeholders.

For more information, please *click here*.

Tuesday, 29 March 2016

15:00 — 89th plenary meeting — General Assembly Hall

Follow-up to the commemoration of the two-hundredth anniversary of the abolition of the transatlantic slave trade: commemorative meeting on the occasion of the International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade [item 118]

Thursday, 31 March 2016

15:00 — Conference Room 3

The General Assembly will hold an informal meeting on the follow-up and review at the global level of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Letters from the President of the General Assembly, dated 3 March 2016 and 17 March 2016, were sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.

Friday, 1 April 2016

15:00 — Conference Room 3

The Co-Facilitators on the follow-up and review at the global level of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development will hold informal consultations with stakeholders. Letters from the President of the General Assembly, dated 3 March 2016 and 17 March 2016, were sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.

Thursday, 21 April 2016

The General Assembly will hold a High-Level Thematic Debate on Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals. Letters from the President of the General Assembly, dated 4 December 2015 and 18 January 2016, were sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers. For more information on the event, please *click here*. Delegations wishing to speak in the plenary segment are kindly requested to inscribe with the list of speakers, General Assembly Affairs Branch (Ms. Antonina Poliakova

(e-mail poliakova@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063), copy to Ms. Mary Muturi (e-mail muturi@un.org)). Statements in the plenary segment should not exceed *three minutes*.

Thirtieth special session of the General Assembly on the world drug problem
Tuesday, 19, Wednesday, 20 and Thursday, 21 April 2016

Pursuant to resolutions 67/193 of 20 December 2012, 69/200 of 18 December 2014 and 70/181 of 17 December 2015, the General Assembly will hold the thirtieth special session on the world drug problem. The thirtieth special session shall consist of a general debate and five interactive, multi-stakeholder round tables. Delegations wishing to speak in the plenary meetings, should contact the General Assembly Affairs Branch (e-mail poliakova@un.org, copy to muturi@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063; Room S-3082). To enable maximum participation within the limited time available, statements in the plenary meetings should not exceed *three minutes* when speaking in national capacity and *five minutes* when speaking on behalf of a group. In order to promote interactive and substantive discussions; participation in the round tables will be conducted without a list of speakers. However, Member States, Observer States and Observers are encouraged to inform the General Assembly Affairs Branch (e-mail poliakova@un.org, copy to muturi@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063; Room S-3082) in which of the round tables they wish to intervene.

Delegations are reminded that credentials should be issued for all representatives to the thirtieth special session of the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly. Credentials should be sent to the secretariat of the Credentials Committee (Room S-3633; tel. 1 (917) 367-5133).

For more information, please *click here*.

Disarmament Commission
2016 substantive session
(4-22 April 2016)

Monday, 4 April 2016

10:00 Opening meeting Conference Room 3

Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list of speakers are invited to contact the secretariat (Ms. Lidija Komatina (e-mail komatina@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-2378)). The secretariat would also appreciate it if delegations would communicate to the Disarmament and Peace Affairs Branch, via note verbale (e-mail leu@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5305), *as soon as possible*, the names of the representative(s) who will participate in the work of the Disarmament Commission.

Committee on Contributions
Seventy-sixth session
(6-24 June 2016)

The attention of any Member States intending to request an exemption under Article 19 of the Charter of the United Nations is drawn to the provisions of General Assembly resolution 54/237 C, in which the Assembly, *inter alia*, urges such Member States to

provide the fullest possible supporting information. The Assembly also decided that requests for exemption under Article 19 must be submitted by Member States *at least two weeks* before the session of the Committee on Contributions, so as to ensure a full review of the requests. Accordingly, any such requests should be received by the President of the General Assembly *no later than Friday, 20 May 2016*.

For further information, kindly contact the Secretary of the Committee (tel. 1 (212) 963-5306; Room FF-700 (304 East 45th Street); fax 1 (212) 963-1943); or by e-mail to contributions@un.org.

The Committee on Contributions will also be considering multi-year payment plans submitted pursuant to General Assembly resolution 57/4 B, as reaffirmed in resolution 70/245. Any Member States intending to submit such a plan are also invited to contact the Secretary of the Committee for further information.

Security Council

Security Council Committee pursuant to resolutions 1267 (1999), 1989 (2011) and 2253 (2015) concerning ISIL (Da'esh), Al-Qaida, and associated individuals, groups, undertakings and entities

Briefings

Tuesday, 29 March 2016

10:00 Conference Room 7

The Chair of the ISIL (Da'esh) and Al-Qaida Sanctions Committee, His Excellency Gerard van Bohemen (New Zealand), and the Coordinator of the Analytical Support and Sanctions Monitoring Team, Mr. Hans-Jakob Schindler, will hold a briefing for interested Member States.

The briefing will provide an update on the work of the Committee and the Analytical Support and Sanctions Monitoring Team.

The Chair and the Monitoring Team look forward to having an interactive discussion with Member States, and will be pleased to answer any questions that representatives may wish to raise in the question and answer part of the session.

Morning (immediately following the previous briefing) Conference Room 7

The Ombudsperson to the Security Council Committee pursuant to resolutions 1267 (1999) and 1989 (2011) and 2253 (2016) concerning ISIL (Da'esh), Al-Qaida and associated individuals, groups, undertakings and entities, Ms. Catherine Marchi-Uhel, will present open briefing for all Member States, following the briefing by the Chair of the Committee and the Coordinator of the Analytical, Support and Sanctions Monitoring Team.

The Ombudsperson will provide an update on the work of her office. The Ombudsperson will be pleased to answer any questions that representatives of Member States may wish to raise at this briefing.

Economic and Social Council

2016 session

Special meeting on inequality

Wednesday, 30 March 2016

10:00 to 13:00 Economic and Social Council Chamber

15:00 to 18:00 Economic and Social Council Chamber

In the context of Goal-10 of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the Economic and Social Council will hold a special meeting on inequality chaired by the President of the Council (Republic of Korea). The special meeting will comprise of interactive panel discussions. There will be no pre-determined list of speakers and participants are requested to refrain from reading prepared statements. In order to provide for maximum participation, interventions will be limited to *three minutes*.

All are invited to attend. Members of the Council are requested to communicate the composition of their delegation to the Secretariat as early as possible. Due to limited seating, Member States that are not members of the Council, as well as the United Nations system and other organizations, are requested to inform the Acting Secretary of the Council of their prospective participation in the special meeting (c/o e-mail olvida@un.org *no later than* noon on *Monday, 28 March 2016*, in order to be provided a seat in the plenary room. All others will be seated on a first-come, first-serve basis. For more details on the special meeting on inequality, please contact Mr. Philipp Erfurth, Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (e-mail erfurth@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-4938). Additional information is also available on the website of the Council (*click here*).

Partnership Forum

Thursday, 31 March 2016

10:00 to 13:00 Economic and Social Council Chamber

15:00 to 18:00 Economic and Social Council Chamber

The Economic and Social Council will hold a Partnership Forum on the theme "From commitments to results: Leveraging partnerships for the 2030 Agenda". The Forum will be chaired by the President of the Council (Republic of Korea).

All are invited to attend. Members of the Council are requested to communicate the composition of their delegation to the Secretariat as early as possible. Due to limited seating, Member States that are not members of the Council, as well as the United Nations system and other organizations, are requested to inform the Acting Secretary of the Council of their participation in the Forum (c/o e-mail olvida@un.org) *no later than* noon on Tuesday, 29 March 2016, in order to be provided a seat in the Chamber. All others will be seated on a first-come, first-serve basis.

For more details on the Partnership Forum, please contact Mr. Ajit Yogasundram, Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (e-mail yogasundram@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5737). Additional information is also available on the website of the Council (*click here*).

Coordination and management meeting

Monday, 4, to Wednesday, 6 April 2016 Economic and Social Council Chamber

The coordination and management meeting will be chaired by the Vice-President of the Council (Zimbabwe). The provisional programme for the meeting is available on the website of the Council (*click here*). For further information, please contact Mr. Marc-Andre Dorel, Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (e-mail dorel@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-7204).

The *general discussion* of agenda item 18 (i) (Economic and environmental questions: cartography) will be held in the afternoon of Monday, 4 April. Requests for inscription on *the list of speakers* should be sent, *in writing*, with the full name and title of the speaker, to the Acting Secretary of the Council (c/o Ms. Theresa Olvida (e-mail olvida@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)). Inscription to the list of speakers will close *by 17:00, on Friday, 1 April 2016*. The time limit set for statements is *seven minutes* for speakers on behalf of groups and *five minutes* for statements by individual delegations.

The *elections, nominations, confirmations and appointments* (item 4) to fill vacancies in the membership of the subsidiary bodies of the Council will be held on Tuesday, 5 April. The list of subsidiary bodies for which the Council will take action on is contained in document E/2016/1/Add.1. Additional supporting documentation is available on Candiweb by *clicking here*. For further information, please contact Ms. Sangeeta Sharma (e-mail sharma7@un.org), with a copy to Ms. Mary Constable (e-mail constablem@un.org).

For inclusion in the *list of participants* delegations are kindly requested to send the names of their representatives and alternates attending the meeting to the Acting Secretary of the Council (c/o Ms. Theresa Olvida (e-mail olvida@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail. Delegations are further advised that *only one list of participants will be issued at the end of the 2016 session of the Council*.

PaperSmart arrangements will be available for the duration of the 2016 session of the Council. Delegations wishing to circulate their statements electronically through the PaperSmart portal of the Council should send a copy of the statement at least *one hour* in advance of delivery to papersmart2@un.org. The date of the meeting and the agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail. The statements will be made available in the PaperSmart portal after their delivery by delegations. To access the PaperSmart portal of the Council, please *click here*.

Forum on financing for development follow-up

Monday, 18 April to Wednesday, 20 April 2016 Trusteeship Council Chamber

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 70/192 and Economic and Social Council decision 2016/210, the inaugural meeting of the forum will be convened by the President of the Council (Republic of Korea). Pursuant to Council decision 2016/211, the theme of the meeting will be "Financing for sustainable development: follow-up to the Addis Ababa Action Agenda".

The forum will include the special high-level meeting of the Council with the Bretton Woods institutions, the World Trade Organization and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development. The forum will have universal, intergovernmental participation, utilizing the modalities of participation of the international conferences

on financing for development. Additional information is available on the website of the Financing for Development Office (*click here*). For further details, contact Ms. Dominika Halka, FFDO/Department of Economic and Social Affairs (e-mail halka@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-6653).

For *inclusion in the list of participants*, delegations are kindly requested to send the names of their representatives and alternates attending the forum to the Acting Secretary of the Council, Mr. Moncef Khane (c/o Ms. Theresa Olvida (e-mail olvida@un.org; Room S-1281; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail.

PaperSmart arrangements will be offered as an additional service to the meetings of the forum. Delegations wishing to circulate their statements electronically through the PaperSmart Portal of the Council should send a copy of the statement at least one hour in advance of delivery to papersmart2@un.org. The date and topic of the meeting should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail. The statements will be made available in the PaperSmart portal after its delivery by delegations. To access the PaperSmart portal of the Council, please *click here*.

Committee for the United Nations Population Award

Wednesday, 30 March 2016

10:00 to 11:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 9
	Organizational meeting	
11:00 to 13:00	1st meeting	Conference Room 9

Kindly confirm your participation by replying to Ms. Lourdeth Ferguson (e-mail ferguson@unfpa.org). All member delegations are invited to attend.

Commission on Population and Development

Informal consultations

Tuesday, 29 March 2016

15:00 to 18:00	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

On the zero-draft resolution on the future organization and methods of work of the Commission on Population and Development, convened by the Vice-Chair designate, Ms. Oana Rebedea (Romania), and Ms. Iara Beekma Reis (Plurinational State of Bolivia). Subsequent dates and times for informal consultations will be announced in the *Journal*, at a later date.

Forty-ninth session
(11-15 April 2016)

Monday, 11 April 2016

10:00 Conference Room 4

The provisional agenda of the session and the proposed organization of work are contained in documents E/CN.9/2016/1 and E/CN.9/2016/L.1, respectively. To consult background information and official documents for the session, please *click here*.

For *participation and seating arrangements*, members of the Commission wishing to attend the session are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretary of the Commission, Ms. Sonia Elliott (e-mail elliotts@un.org; Room S-3064; fax 1 (212) 963-5305).

Member States that are not members of the Commission, non-member States, observers, United Nations agencies, funds and programmes and Regional Commissions are also requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the secretariat in advance of the session. Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail. Kindly note that only those observers who have confirmed their participation will be provided a nameplate on the floor of Conference Room 4 on the opening day. All others will be seated on a first-come, first-served basis.

The *lists of speakers* for all agenda items are open. Requests for inscription in the list of speakers should be sent *in writing*, with the full name and title of the speaker, to the secretariat of the Commission (Mr. Martin Vrastiak (e-mail vrastiak@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5305)).

In accordance with the programme of work, the general discussion under agenda item 4 (General debate on national experience in population matters: strengthening the demographic evidence base for the post-2015 development agenda), will be held from Monday, 11 April 2016 (for more details, please consult the organization of work in document E/CN.9/2016/L.1).

Delegations are advised that statements made by individual States should not exceed *five minutes*; statements made on behalf of a group of States should not exceed *ten minutes*; and statements made by observers should not exceed *four minutes*.

For information on the *participation of non-governmental organizations* in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council in the work of the Commission, please *click here*.

Information on *side events*, or activities organized outside the formal programme of the session of the Commission can be accessed by *clicking here*.

For the *election of the Bureau of the fiftieth session*, the Commission will hold the first meeting of its fiftieth session for the sole purpose of electing a new Chair and other members of the Bureau, immediately following the closure of its forty-ninth session.

Forthcoming informal meetings on draft proposals convened by permanent missions

The agenda of the seventieth session of the General Assembly is contained in documents A/70/251 and A/70/252. The meetings under this header are closed.

General Assembly

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Improving global road safety" (under agenda item 13) (convened by the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation)

Tuesday, 29 March 2016

10:00 to 12:00	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room D

Wednesday, 30 March 2016

10:00 to 12:00	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room B

Forthcoming other meetings

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Briefing to Member States on the Conference of the Department of Public Information for Non-governmental Organizations (DPI/NGO)

Tuesday, 29 March 2016

10:00 to 11:00

Conference Room 2

All permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Jeffrey Brez, DPI (e-mail brez@un.org).

Town Hall Meeting with non-governmental organizations (NGOs) on the Conference of the Department of Public Information for Non-governmental Organizations (DPI/NGO)

Tuesday, 29 March 2016

11:30 to 13:00

Conference Room 2

All are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Jeffrey Brez, DPI (e-mail brez@un.org).

Special event on "Raising awareness and building resilience to disasters – experience from Japan" (organized by the Permanent Mission of Japan)

Tuesday, 29 March 2016

12:00 to 13:00

Conference Room 5

All are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Maury Guadalupe, Permanent Mission of Japan (e-mail maury.guadalupe@dn.mofa.go.jp; tel. 1 (212) 521-1582).

Panel discussion on "The UNAOC Baku Global Forum Declaration" (organized by the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC))

Tuesday, 29 March 2016

15:00 to 18:00

Conference Room 11

For further information, please contact Ms. Anna Pavlyuchenko, UNAOC (e-mail annap@unops.org; tel. 1 (929) 274-6217).

Special event on the occasion of the International Day of Remembrance of Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade (25 March) (A/RES/62/122) on the theme "Remember Slavery: Celebrating the Heritage and Culture of the African Diaspora and its Roots":

Cultural event (organized by the United Nations Remember Slavery Programme, in collaboration with the Department of Public Information (DPI))

Tuesday, 29 March 2016

18:30 Visitors Lobby

All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Omyma David, DPI (e-mail david17@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-6320).

Briefing to the members of the Group of Friends United against Human Trafficking on "The new Protocol on Forced Labour" (co-organized by the Permanent Mission of Belarus and the International Labour Organization (ILO))

Wednesday, 30 March 2016

13:15 to 14:30 Closed meeting Conference Room 8

For further information, please contact Ms. Irina Velichko, Permanent Mission of Belarus (e-mail iravelichko@gmail.com).

Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS) (plenary meeting)

Wednesday, 30 March 2016

15:00 to 18:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 2

Opening of the photo exhibition entitled "Mine action is humanitarian action" on the occasion of the International Day for Mine Awareness and Assistance in Mine Action (4 April) (A/RES/60/97) (organized by the Permanent Mission of the Netherlands and the United Nations Mine Action Service (UNMAS))

Wednesday, 30 March 2016

18:15 Visitors Lobby

All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Kaori Ozawa, UNMAS (e-mail ozawa@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-4798).

Event entitled "How financial inclusion strategies support inclusive growth: The role of country-level diagnostics and data" (organized the United Nations Capital Development Fund (UNCDF))

Wednesday, 30 March 2016

13:15 to 14:30 Conference Room 7

All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Darah Aljoudar, UNCDF (e-mail darah.aljoudar@uncdf.org; tel. 1 (212) 906-5381).

Meeting on "Business and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development: Designing a Business Engagement Architecture at the United Nations" (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Denmark and Kenya, and the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC))

Thursday, 31 March 2016

08:15 to 09:30 Conference Room 8

All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Rikke Skou Melsen, Permanent Mission of Denmark (e-mail rikkme@um.dk; tel. 1 (917) 698 2531).

Event on "The Science and Business of Marine Genetic Resources" (organized by the Office of the Permanent Observer for the International Union for Conservation of Nature to the United Nations (IUCN))

Friday, 1 April 2016

13:15 to 14:30 Conference Room 12

All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Kelsey Dougherty Howard, IUCN (e-mail kelsey.howard@iucn.org; tel. 1 (212) 346-1163).

High-level event on "Addressing Autism: Strategies for the Global Community in Relation to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)" (on the occasion of the World Autism Awareness Day) (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Bangladesh, India, Qatar and the Republic of Korea, the United States Mission and Autism Speaks)

Friday, 1 April 2016

15:00 to 18:00 Trusteeship Council Chamber

All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Andrée Antoun, Permanent Mission of Qatar (e-mail eventspmun@mofa.gov.qa, tel. 1 (212) 486-9335, ext. 776 or 323).

Briefing on "Migration Data for Humanitarian Response and Development" (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of the Republic of Moldova and Switzerland, and the International Organization for Migration (IOM))

Tuesday, 5 April 2016

10:00 to 13:00 Conference Room 8

All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Kate Gough, IOM (e-mail kgough@iom.int; tel. 1 (212) 681-7000, ext. 263). To register, please send an e-mail to rsvpnewyork@iom.int.

Forthcoming official meetings held away from Headquarters

Economic and Social Council

United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names
Twenty-ninth session
Bangkok, Thailand (25-29 April 2016)

The twenty-ninth session of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names will be held at the United Nations Conference Centre in Bangkok. The provisional agenda for the session is contained in document GEGN/29/1. For further information on the session, please *click here*.

Members of the Group of Experts, as well as observers, who wish to attend the session and be included in the *list of participants* are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations by means of a note verbale on official letterhead to the Secretary of the Group of Experts, Mr. Kenji Nakano (c/o Mr. Victor Leu (e-mail leu@un.org; Room S-3073; fax 1 (212) 963-5305)). Please note that only scanned copies of note verbales will be accepted by e-mail.

Announcements

High-level signature ceremony for the Paris Agreement
Friday, 22 April 2016

The Secretary-General of the United Nations will convene the high-level signature ceremony for the Paris Agreement.

On this occasion, Parties to the UNFCCC will be provided with an opportunity to deliver national statements in parallel sessions, which will be held concurrently with the signing ceremony. In light of time constraints, the length of these statements should not exceed *three minutes*. Delegations wishing to deliver statements should approach Ms. Antonina Poliakova (e-mail poliakova@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063, copy to Ms. Mary Muturi, e-mail muturi@un.org), at the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management. The list of speakers will be maintained in accordance with customary protocol.

Opening for signature
Friday, 22 April 2016

States and regional economic integration organizations intending to sign the Paris Agreement at the high-level signature ceremony convened by the Secretary-General on 22 April 2016 are requested to send to the Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs, as soon as possible and well in advance of the ceremony, a letter or note verbale

confirming their participation in the signature ceremony and indicating the name and title of the representative who will sign the Agreement on their behalf. When needed, this communication should be accompanied by the instrument of full powers authorizing the representative to sign the Agreement.

In this regard, it is recalled that, under established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government and Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign the Agreement on behalf of their State without having to produce full powers. Any other representatives wishing to sign the Agreement must be in possession of appropriate full powers emanating from one of these three authorities.

Contacts: Ms. Dina Hamdy (e-mail hamdyd@un.org); or Ms. Hada Guevara (e-mail guevarah@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5047; fax 1 (212) 963-3693).

World Humanitarian Summit
Istanbul, Turkey, 23-24 May 2016

The Secretary-General will convene the first World Humanitarian Summit from Monday, 23 to Tuesday, 24 May 2016, in Istanbul, Turkey. For more information on the Summit, please *click here*. Representatives of Member States and Observers of the General Assembly wishing to inscribe in the list of speakers for the plenary session entitled "Member States and other Stakeholders' Announcement Plenary" can contact the General Assembly Affairs Branch (e-mail poliakova@un.org; tel. (212) 963-5063; Room S-3082; with copy to muturi@un.org). Statements in the Announcement Plenary should not exceed *three minutes*.

2016 United Nations Disarmament Fellowship, Training and Advisory Services Programme

Member States are reminded that the deadline for submission of nominations to the 2016 United Nations Disarmament Fellowship, Training and Advisory Services Programme is *Friday, 15 April 2016* (Note verbale ODA/01-2016/FP dated 4 January 2016). Only one nomination per Member State may be submitted and should be addressed to: The Coordinator, United Nations Disarmament Fellowship, Training and Advisory Services Programme, Office for Disarmament Affairs, Geneva Branch, Palais des Nations, Room C-113-1, 1211 Geneva 10, Switzerland. Nomination form and other attachments can be found by *clicking here*.

Reports of the Secretary-General on disarmament items to be submitted to the seventy-first session of the General Assembly

The Office for Disarmament Affairs would be grateful if Member States could communicate to the Office, in hard copy and electronic version (Word format), the relevant data and information, pursuant to the General Assembly resolutions indicated

below, by *Friday, 29 April 2016*, so as to facilitate issuance of the reports in time for consideration by the General Assembly at its seventy-first session. Provision of the submission in Microsoft Word format *is required*. Kindly send the electronic version to Ms. Jenny Fuchs (e-mail fuchs@un.org).

Resolution 70/32, paras. 6 and 7, entitled "Relationship between disarmament and development", adopted on 7 December 2015 (Note verbale ODA/19-2016/D&D dated 8 February 2016 refers);

Resolution 70/44, para. 3, entitled "Conventional arms control at the regional and subregional levels", adopted on 7 December 2015 (Note verbale ODA/15-2016/CAC dated 8 February 2016 refers);

Resolution 70/46, para. 16, entitled "Countering the threat posed by improvised explosive devices", adopted on 7 December 2015 (Note verbale ODA/20-2016/IED dated 8 February 2016 refers); and

Resolution 69/57, paras. 2 and 8, entitled "Effects of the use of armaments and ammunitions containing depleted uranium", adopted on 2 December 2014 (Note verbale ODA/16-2016/AADU dated 8 February 2016 refers).

The Office for Disarmament Affairs would also be grateful to receive, on-line (please *click here*), by *Friday, 29 April 2016*, the information relevant to Resolution 70/21, paras. 1 and 8, entitled "Objective information on military matters, including transparency of military expenditures", adopted on 7 December 2015 (Note verbale ODA/17-2017/OIMM dated 8 February 2016 refers).

International Law Seminar for African Universities — Call for applications
(15-26 August 2016)

The first International Law Seminar for African Universities is scheduled to take place at the Kofi Annan Centre in Accra, Ghana, to promote capacity building in international law education for the benefit of teachers from academic institutions and government training centres throughout the region.

The African Institute of International Law will conduct the seminar in cooperation with the host country, Ghana, the Kofi Annan Centre, the African Union and the Codification Division of the United Nations Office of Legal Affairs pursuant to General Assembly resolution 70/116.

The deadline for submitting applications is *Friday, 29 April 2016*. Information concerning the seminar and the application process is available on the website of the African Institute of International Law. The seminar is subject to funding by voluntary contributions.

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For more information, please see the website of the African Institute of International Law (*click here*); or contact the Secretary of the Advisory Committee on the Programme of Assistance, Ms. Virginia Morris (e-mail morrisv@un.org).

Credentials for forthcoming elections of members of human rights treaty bodies

With a view to facilitating the timely submission of credentials for all meetings of States parties convened to elect members of human rights treaty bodies, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights wishes to give all States parties to the international human rights treaties advance notice that the following meetings of States parties will take place in 2016:

Ninth session of the Conference of States parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (14-16 June 2016): election to replace nine members of the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities whose terms expire on 31 December 2016 (*click here* for general information);

Nineteenth meeting of States parties to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (21 June 2016): election to replace twelve members of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women whose terms expire on 31 December 2016 (*click here* for general information);

Thirty-fifth meeting of States parties to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (23 June 2016): election to replace nine members of the Human Rights Committee whose terms expire on 31 December 2016 (*click here* for general information); and

Sixteenth meeting of States parties to the Convention on the Rights of the Child (30 June 2016): election to replace nine members of the Committee on the Rights of the Child whose terms expire on 28 February 2017 (*click here* for general information).

The rules of procedure of each meeting require delegations to submit credentials to the Secretary-General *prior to the meeting*. Many delegations fail to provide such credentials in time and the Secretariat continues to receive obsolete credentials many months after the meetings have concluded. All States parties are kindly requested to put in place the necessary arrangements to ensure that credentials for each of these meetings are submitted *no later than one week before* the meeting in question.

Delegations are reminded that the credentials of representatives and the names of members of the delegation must be issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

Original copies of credentials and names of delegates for the Conference of States parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities should only be submitted to the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) (Attn: Mr. Guozhong Zhang (e-mail zhangg@un.org; Room S-2905)). Original copies of credentials and names of delegates, duly signed by the head of state or government or foreign minister, for all other meetings should be submitted to the New York Office of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (Attn. Ms. Sheilah Trotta (e-mail trotta@un.org; Room DC1-213)).

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Report of the High-level Panel on the Global Response to Health Crises

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The report will be issued as an official document in due course, in conjunction with the Secretary-General's own report, which will be based on the Panel's important findings.

Online reservation system for side events on the occasion of the sixtieth session of the Commission on the Status of Women

The United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women) is pleased to announce that the online reservation system for side events on the occasion of the sixtieth session of the Commission on the Status of Women is open. Permanent missions and United Nations entities may access the system by *clicking here*.

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Calendar of conferences and meetings

The 2016 calendar of conferences and meetings is available and posted on the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM) website, or can be consulted by *clicking here*.

Summary of official meetings

Thursday, 24 March 2016

Security Council

[archived video]

7655th meeting *The situation in Somalia*

Report of the Secretary-General on Somalia (S/2016/27)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President invited the representative of Somalia to participate in the meeting in accordance with rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/2016/27, submitted by Angola, Egypt, France, Japan, Malaysia, New Zealand, Senegal, Spain, Ukraine, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the United States of America and Uruguay.

The Council proceeded to vote on the draft resolution (S/2016/27) before it.

Decision: The draft resolution (S/2016/27) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 2275 (2016).

7656th meeting *Non-proliferation/Democratic People's Republic of Korea*

Note by the President (S/2016/157)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/2016/274, submitted by the United States of America.

The Council proceeded to vote on the draft resolution (S/2016/274) before it.

Decision: The draft resolution (S/2016/274) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 2276 (2016).

7657th meeting *The situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian question*

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President invited Mr. Nickolay Mladenov, Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process and Personal Representative of the Secretary-General, to participate in the meeting in accordance with rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard a briefing by Mr. Mladenov.

General Assembly

Seventieth session

Fifth Committee

[archived video]

32nd meeting

The Chair of the Committee called to order the 32nd meeting of the Fifth Committee.

Appointment to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments [item 114]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

(a) Appointment of members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/70/101/Add.1)

The Committee decided, by acclamation, to recommend that the General Assembly appoint Ms. Carmel Power (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland) as a member of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions for a term of office beginning on 16 May 2016 until 31 December 2016.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item at this stage.

Action on draft resolutions and decisions

Human resources management [item 139]

Amendments to the Staff Regulations and Rules

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item and had before it draft resolution A/C.5/70/L.28, which had been coordinated by the representative of Sweden, on behalf of the Chair of the Committee.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item at this stage.

Joint Inspection Unit [item 140]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item and had before it draft resolution A/C.5/70/L.29, which had been coordinated by the representative of Israel, on behalf of the Chair of the Committee.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item.

Programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017 [item 134]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Special subjects relating to the programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item and had before it draft resolution A/C.5/70/L.31, which had been coordinated by the representatives of Angola,

Australia, Botswana, India, South Africa and Switzerland, on behalf of the Chair of the Committee.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote.

After the adoption of the draft resolution statements were made by the representatives of the Syrian Arab Republic, the Islamic Republic of Iran and Turkey.

The representatives of the Syrian Arab Republic and Turkey made remarks.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of these questions.

Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [item 132]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Progress towards an accountability system in the United Nations Secretariat

The Committee had before it draft resolution A/C.5/70/L.30, which had been coordinated by the representative of Indonesia, on behalf of the Chair of the Committee.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this question.

Questions deferred for future consideration

The Committee had before it draft decision A/C.5/70/L.32 submitted by the Chair.

The Committee adopted the draft decision without a vote.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item at this stage and of the previous agenda items, and the Chair requested the Rapporteur to report directly thereon to the General Assembly.

Closure of the work of the Fifth Committee during the first part of the resumed seventieth session of the General Assembly

The Chair made closing remarks.

Statements were made by the representatives of Thailand (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), the United Republic of Tanzania (on behalf of the African Group), the European Union (on behalf of the members States of the European Union), the United States and Mexico.

The Chair of the Committee declared closed the work of the Fifth Committee during the first part of the resumed seventieth session of the General Assembly.

Economic and Social Council

2016 session

Commission on the Status of Women

Sixtieth session

[archived video]

14th meeting

Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters [item 2]

The Commission resumed its consideration of the agenda item.

Action on draft resolution E/CN.6/2016/L.6

The Commission had before it draft resolution E/CN.6/2016/L.6 submitted by the Chair (Brazil) on the basis of informal consultations.

The Commission was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Commission adopted the draft resolution.

Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and to the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" [item 3]

The Commission resumed its consideration of the agenda item.

Action on draft resolutions

Draft resolution E/CN.6/2016/L.3

The Commission was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

Turkey joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The representatives of Israel, Finland (on behalf of the European Union), Kazakhstan, Indonesia and Switzerland made statements.

The Commission adopted the draft resolution, by a recorded vote of 20 to 2, with 11 abstentions, and recommended it to the Economic and Social Council for its final adoption.

After the vote, the representatives of the United States and Japan made statements.

A statement was also made by the observer of the State of Palestine.

Draft resolution E/CN.6/2016/L.4

The Commission was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Azerbaijan, on behalf of the co-sponsors listed in the document, made a statement and announced that Armenia and Ukraine had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Commission adopted the draft resolution.

Communications concerning the status of women [item 4]

The Commission resumed its consideration of the agenda item.

The Chair recalled that, at its closed meeting on Wednesday, 23 March 2016, the Commission had taken note of the report of the Working Group on Communications concerning the status of women and had decided to include it, in its entirety, in the report of the Commission at its sixtieth session.

The Commission thus concluded its consideration of the agenda item.

Follow-up to Economic and Social Council resolutions and decisions [item 5]

The Commission began its consideration of the agenda item.

Oral decision

Upon the proposal of the Chair, the Commission took note of documents E/CN.6/2016/11 and E/CN.6/2016/12 submitted under the agenda item.

The Commission thus concluded its consideration of the agenda item.

Organization of work

The Chair made a statement.

15th meeting — The summary of the 15th meeting of the sixtieth session of the Commission on the Status of Women will appear in the next issue (No. 2016/61).

Commission on the Status of Women
Sixty-first session

1st meeting — The summary of the 1st meeting of the sixty-first session of the Commission on the Status of Women will appear in the next issue (No. 2016/61).

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

The dates indicated correspond to the dates of receipt of the relevant documents, except for the signatures.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Intergovernmental Agreement on Dry Ports. Bangkok, 1 May 2013

Approval: China (24 March 2016)

Declaration: China (24 March 2016)

Entry into force: (23 April 2016)

General information

Chairs of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *March 2016* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States
United Republic of Tanzania
His Excellency Tuvako Nathaniel Manongi

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Azerbaijan
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His Excellency Walton Alfonso Webson

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General Assembly
Seventieth session

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For *future elections of non-permanent members of the Security Council and members of the Economic and Social Council* pursuant to operative paragraph 17 of resolution 68/307 of 10 September 2014, the election for the 2017-2019 term in the Economic and Social Council will take place *in the afternoon* on Tuesday, 14 June 2016. The elections for the 2017-2018 term in the Security Council will take place on Tuesday, 28 June 2016.

The *election of the President* of the General Assembly at its seventy-first session, as well as the *election of the Vice-Presidents and Chairs of the Main Committees* at its seventy-first session will take place on Monday, 13 June 2016.

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Seventy-first session

The preliminary list of items to be included in the provisional agenda of the seventy-first regular session of the General Assembly is contained in document A/71/50.

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Security Council

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S/2016/180 Letter dated 22 February 2016 from the Chair of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S] — *13 pages*

S/2016/247 Letter dated 14 March 2016 from the Permanent Representative of Germany to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S] — *14 pages*

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Economic and Social Council

Commission on the Status of Women
Sixtieth session

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hostage, including those subsequently imprisoned, in armed conflicts [A C E F R S] — *5 pages*

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